

TOWN OF BROOKLET  
JUNE 09, 2005  
COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS  
MEMBERS PRESENT: FRED RICH, RUSSELL DAVIS, SYLVIA  
PROSSER, RANDY NEWMAN, AUBREY WYNN AND ATTORNEY HUBE.
2. INVOCATION; COUNCILMAN RICH
3. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES:  
Motion made by Councilwoman Prosser to approve the  
minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and  
passed with all ayes.
4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR MAY.  
Councilman Rich reviewed the May reports and compared  
prior yeas balances with present year balances, and mentioned  
some line item expenditures for the month. Councilman Rich  
presented this report and a motion to accept the statements.  
Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.
5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST:
  1. BARNEY SINEATH had nothing at this time.
  2. MR. & MRS. JOSEPH GAY of West Lane Street.  
With the recent heavy rains, they have water standing in  
their back yard and they are here to request guidance or  
help with this matter. Councilman Rich and Councilman Wynn  
remembers a guy named Glen who worked with the Soil  
Conservation Service who came here and surveyed the property  
because of water being impounded on this land. They found a  
low basin spot in the yard. Glen determined there was  
nothing to be done unless someone was willing to invest a  
good bit of money and also determined the elevation of Mr.  
Jenkins pond really had nothing to do with the accumulation  
of water. Councilman Rich will contact Soil Conservation  
Service and talk to Glen, who is familiar with this problem.
6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:
  1. PUBLIC HEARING # 1. FY06 BUDGET.  
Resolution for adoption is scheduled for June 23 at 6:00 P M.  
Mr. Sineath signed up to speak. He asked how much we had set  
aside for employee raises. Councilman Rich advised it was  
different amounts which was designed to bring the employees  
up to average salaries, depending on job description.

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Councilwoman Prosser missed the Budget Workshop, but she also wanted this information. Councilman Rich advised the figures was a result of looking at Salary Surveys from other cities of our size. Councilwoman Prosser asked how many employees were included in the administrative department. Councilman Rich advised this was including Belle, DeLanie and a part time assistant, and with City Hall changing locations, he feels someone would need to stay here as a point of contact. Councilwoman Prosser asked what would be wrong with DeLaine staying here. Councilman Rich has not talked to Delaine, but this could possibly work. Councilman Rich assumes we will continue to have growth and demands put on both offices. One office should stay fully staffed and the other part time. This is just a proposal. Councilman Davis asked if one point was to prepare for Belle's retirement later on. Mr. Sineath was satisfied with the answers and had another question. Will the employed keep the same Group Insurance. Councilman Rich answer was yes. Barney Sineath asked if the Budget allowed for any Capital Improvements such as Julius Circle. Councilman Rich pointed out on page 10, Capital Outlay was changed from \$6,000.00 to \$16,000.00 for streets. Machinery and equipment of \$19,208.00 was moved to another line item. Mr. Sineath's last question was about S P L O S T. Councilman Newman says we still have money left on roads, water and park facilities. Mr. Sineath wanted to know the expenditures to date for renovation on the new City Hall. \$210,000.00.

2. PUBLIC HEARING # 2. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES 15-1. Creation of Planning & Zoning Commission Duties. The old ordinance calls for 4 members and one Zoning Administrator. The amendment calls for 5 voting members, one of which will be the Commission Chairman, and one Zoning Administrator, which shall be a not voting position. Councilman Rich had a nominee to introduce for the fifth person. Mr Sineath asked if the same 5 members serves for a period on 2 years. Councilman Rich made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Code of Ordinances. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. COUNCILMAN RICH had nothing further.

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2. COUNCILMAN DAVIS had talked to Mr. Lewis at Bulloch Telephone Co. and he has contacted the workers that tore up the sidewalk and they have a crew together to get equipment ready to re do the sidewalks as soon as the rain lets up. Councilman Davis wants to make a motion to go ahead and accept the bid from Georgia Power Co., to move the light poles downtown and get ready to do our sidewalks . The quote of \$43,742.00 will expire June 16th. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes. Councilman Davis and Billy Taylor plan to check on ditches and clogged up drain pipes. Councilman Davis and Rod Pye plan to have a meeting with the County Commissioners and others to check on the water problem on West Lee Street. Mr. Pye says this problem has grown for 10 years and he would like to find a solution. He feels the repaving of Lee Street is what put water in his house last week.

3. COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER had no report.

4. COUNCILMAN NEWMAN is waiting on the cabinet man to finish, also waiting on the completion of the parking lot at the new City Hall location.

5. COUNCILMAN WYNN says Billy Taylor is still working on some pipes and hydrant problems, which we believe started when Tyson Utilities began work at the High School. We still need to work up a bill to send them for water loss and overtime.

6. CHIEF MUNDY talked about all the rain we have had in the past few days. The department is working with the Governors Office of Highway Safety and South East Traffic Enforcement Network in the first wave of the Click it or Ticket Campaign. He encourages residents to fill out a house check form if they plan to go out of town. There was an accident on Cromley Road early Friday morning, June 3, which brought Chief Mundy out bright and early. Someone hit a fire hydrant with their truck, which caused a lot of water to waste. A flow test should be done to determine the water loss. Wayne Carson appeared in court yesterday for tickets on local ordinances. 1) Dilapidated Buildings, 2) grass & weeds. Judge Bennett gave him a 30 day grace period to get plans together and a time schedule for completion.

7. BILL DECHRISTOPHER has sent letters out to several property owners. There was a discussion on the Satellite Ordinance.

8. OLD BUSINESS;

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FRANCHISE WITH GEORGIA POWER CO. Attorney Hube has compared this ordinance with the old one from 1975, which is good for 35 years. The amendment comes from G M A and says we may be contracted by Georgia Power Company, concerning the amendment and we have not been contacted. The amendment is about circumstances of moving power poles, whether Ga. Power pays of the City pays.

2. OLD POLICE CAR;

Councilman Newman asked Chief Mundy if he had talked to Mr. Ivey in Register about purchasing the old patrol car. Chief had not heard from him. Councilman Newman thinks this has been riding long enough and we need to start the advertisement for bids at a minimum of \$3,000.00.

3. APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION AS A CERTIFIED CITY OF ETHICS.

Councilman Rich asked if they were required to swear on a Bible or anything. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to adopt this and sign it or whatever it is we need to do, then we can come back when something comes up we will have something to look back at. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM WIGGINS OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR THE COPY MACHINE WITH STAND FOR THE NEW CITY HALL FOR \$2,515.00. The motion was made by Councilman Newman and seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

9. NEW BUSINESS.

1. Appointment of another person to the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilman Rich advised there was a person in the room tonight who is interested in this position. Mr. William Griffith has attended several Council meetings and Zoning meetings and has an interest in the community. Mayor Grooms mentioned another person, Charles Mallard, who has attended several meetings. Attorney Hube spoke in Mr. Griffith's behalf and thinks he has a good background and experience to be involved in this. Councilman Rich recommended and made a motion to have Mr. Griffith to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

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2. ADVERTISEMENT TO HIRE A DEPUTY CLERK.

Following a brief discussion, Councilman Newman made a motion to postpone this until next month. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

A SPECIAL MEETING IS CALLED FOR JUNE 23, 2005 TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR THE FY06 BUDGET AT CITY HALL AT 6:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING MADE BY COUNCILMAN NEWMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN RICH AND PASSED WITH ALL AYES.