

TOWN OF BROOKLET  
AUGUST 18, 2005  
COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; Mayor Grooms

Members present; Fred Rich, Russell Davis, Randy Newman, Sylvia Prosser and Attorney Hube. Councilman Wynn was absent.

2. INVOCATION; Councilwoman Prosser.

3. APPROVAL OF JULY 21 MINUTES;

Motion was made by Councilwoman Prosser to adopt the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

4. APPROVAL OF JULY FINANCIAL REPORTS;

Councilman Rich presented a brief review of the statements which were provided to all members. Councilman Rich made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST; Mayor Grooms recognized Barney Sineath, Charles Mallard, and Bill DeChristopher.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

1. COUNCILMAN RICH had no further report.

2. COUNCILMAN DAVIS had attended a County Commissioners meeting

In reference to the paving of Julius Circle. The Commissioners gave their approval for Eddie Smith or Kirk Tatum to come down and look at the job of preliminary scraping this road free of charge, and then we can plan to have the trees taken down and have Sikes Paving come in. Mr. Warren Groover has looked at the Georgia Power poles we agreed to have moved. We were advised of some changes to be made on some wiring systems and meter boxes. Councilman Davis presented bids From Allen's Electrical for \$4,082.00 and Starling Plumbing and Electric in the amount of \$2,350.00. Councilman Davis asked for a motion to accept a bid on this project. Councilman Rich made a motion to accept the Starling bid of \$2,350.00 for this work. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes. Councilman Davis reports that R E S A has agreed to pay to the Town of Brooklet, \$2,000.00 to help pay for the road they will share with City Hall. Councilman Davis asked for permission to take the fence down by the cemetery and tear up the old asphalt road which should enable us to have 128 more plots for the cemetery. Area cemeteries sell lots now ranging from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per plot. Billy Taylor offered to work on Saturday to get the asphalt out.

Councilman Rich made a motion to tear out the old chain link fence from the entrance of the cemetery over to the R E S A back lot and remove the old driveway to the loading dock to enable us to use the area for cemetery plots and allow B. Taylor to do the work. Mayor Grooms advised the brick work at the entrance was done by the Robertson family and we need to bring this before them and asked if we could table this until these people were notified. Councilman Newman felt we should move on with this project by contacting these people and get their permission. Councilman Rich revised his motion adding: with a provision that Councilman Davis speak with Ms. Robertson about the brickwork at the entrance is she disagrees, we will talk about it next month. If she agrees, we move on.

3. COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER had no report.

4. COUNCILMAN NEWMAN expressed his appreciation to everybody for Attending Open House on Monday. He also reminded members of the resignation of Chief Mundy effective August 20, 2005 and he would like to make a motion to promote Ian Catto as Intern Chief while we do a search for a new chief. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

5. CHIEF MUNDY announced they were ready for the Peanut Festival And wanted to express a special thanks to Hal Cromley for welding and setting up 19 or 20 barricades for us. Chief Mundy expressed his appreciation to the group of men he led and directed for the past 11 years.

6. BILL DECHRISTOPHER advised council of the Rezone request for the Oak Grove Subdivision on North Cromley Road. He is working on the sign permits and set backs. The Bulloch County Health Department had received a complaint of an open septic tank on 211 N. Cromley Road. The owner was notified.

#### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

##### 1. ORDINANCE AMENDING GEORGIA POWER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT.

All members were provided a copy of the ordinance, which Attorney Hube reviewed. The ordinance allows for Georgia Power to be responsible for moving facility poles or wires which they maintain, and they will pay for them. If we decide we want to change something for the looks, it is still on us to pay for this. The new ordinance is clearer and makes them more responsible. This also extends the other agreement for another 25 years. If we enter into this agreement, it will be good until the year 2030. Attorney Hube feels nothing is pushing this decision, but he would recommend we enter into this agreement. Mayor Grooms asked about waiting until next month and put it back on the agenda. There was some discussion and Councilman Rich asked Attorney Hube if he was recommending we adopt the ordinance and Attorney Hube agreed. Councilman Rich made a motion to adopt the New Franchise Ordinance with Georgia Power. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

8. NEW BUSINESS;

1. STATEMENT FROM LANIER APPRAISALS, INC.

Attorney Hube advised we were to pay the statement in the amount of \$2,500.00.

2. SELECTION OF STREETS TO SUBMIT TO L A R P FOR PAVING IN 2006.

Councilman Davis wanted Council Members to name some streets. Councilman Newman suggested all of Cromley Road and all of Lee Street, and the balance of Lane Street and see what happens.

3. MOTION TO SET THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE PROPERTY TAXES FOR 2005. LAST YEAR WAS 7.692.

Councilman Rich made a motion to stay with the same rate of 7.692%. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTED BY ATTORNEY HUBE.

Councilman Rich made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes. There was a brief Executive Session and Councilman Newman made a motion to go out of Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

The Regular Session was called back to order by Mayor Grooms.

Councilman Rich spoke of grants and the Rural Development Center in Baxley and he had talked with them about another entity called the Georgia Rural Community Association at no cost to us, they prepare studies for site development for rural assistance programs which could include storm water control and disposal. There is also another source of loans administered by G E F A. Councilman Rich would agree to look in to these possibilities without committing the city to anything; he would like to pursue this.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Davis, seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.