

TOWN OF BROOKLET
OCTOBER 20, 2005
COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: MAYOR GROOMS

Council Members present: Randy Newman, Aubrey Wynn, Fred Rich, Russell Davis, and Attorney Hube. Sylvia Prosser was absent.

2. INVOCATION: Mayor Grooms

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES. Councilman Rich made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

4. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS. Councilman Rich gave a Financial Report including Miscellaneous Deposits for the sale of the old police car and check from First District RESA for their portion of the driveway. The Insurance Premium deposit of \$55,742.92 was made in October.

Motion to accept the Financial Statements made by Councilman Rich seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

5. PUBLIC HEARING #1 CHARLES AND JANIE WILSON, 207 East Lane Street requesting variance to allow addition of a 7.3x 26.0 bathroom/closet combination on the left side of the existing home. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Wilson was available for questions. Councilman Davis asked if his neighbors had any comments on this project. Mr. Wilson has talked to his neighbors and they are agreeable with this, Councilman Rich made a motion we adopt the plan and Planning and Zoning Recommendation. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

6. RECOGNITION OF GUEST

1. MAYOR GROOMS ASKED B.J. SCOTT TO ADDRESS COUNCIL. She was here on behalf of Mr. Charlie Wilson who was born in Bulloch County but moved away at age twelve and came back fifty seven years ago. Mr. Wilson has been told he has an aortic aneurism and he is trying to get his business in order. He had visited the new City Hall and thought it was beautiful and he would like to have his framed medals from World War II on the wall here at the City Hall. Council was impressed and we would be happy to display his medals. Councilman Newman made a motion we proudly accept this from Mr. Wilson. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

2. MR. SCOTT HODGIN TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE BROOKLET BAPTIST CHURCH. Attorney Hube advised council that he had discussed this with Scott Hodgin and they have agreed to meet on Tuesday, October 25th to discuss what our options are and after their meeting, council will have a called meeting for this concerning the sale of the church on West Lane Street.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN RICH has no further financial information but in New Business he would like to speak on ditches in the West Lane Street area.

COUNCILMAN DAVIS is still in the process of the paving of Julius Circle. Excelsior Electric has moved some utility poles. The surveyor has done a plot on the new cemetery lots, which came up to 102 10x10 lots. He had some recommendation to present: Price \$600.00 per one 10x10 spot. If a person wanted to buy four plots or more let them go for \$500.00 each. First he would like to have the landscaping done and during this time we could allow people to sign up for plots. There will be more discussion on a plan at the November meeting.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN had no Report.

COUNCILMAN WYNN had not Report.

CHIEF MINCEY passed out copies of reports and information on the progress and changes he has made in the past few weeks. He thanked council members and Officer Catto for all the support during this transition. Chief Mincey has written a letter to Bulloch County Commissioner and Tom Couch requesting four additional radios. Chief Mincey advised council of his plans for a sign at the Police Department and also directional signs for City Hall and Police Department. Councilman Newman made a motion to purchase Police Department signs at \$130.00 and the directional signs for \$180.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

ATTORNEY HUBE expressed the necessity of documentation and evidence lockers.

BILL DECHRISTOPER has visited the J&J Car Wash business again. Mr. DeChristopher would like to know what action council would like to take on Landmark Holiness Church. The original argument with Mr. Butler was for completion by June 1, 2005 but they asked for December date for completion. Mayor Grooms wants to have a discussion face to face with Mr. Butler. Councilman Davis feels this is good but we need documentation of the plans. Councilman Wynn asked Mr. DeChristopher if he would ask Mr. Butler to meet with council to solve this matter.

8. OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Wynn asked about a previous discussion concerning the Brooklet City Cemetery Trust Fund and a Financial Report. Mayor Grooms advised we had discussion, they did not present any figures but John Cromley would take care of this.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. REQUEST FOR A STREET LIGHT ON ROBERTSON LANE. Mayor Grooms says there is already a pole there but the street is very dark. He asked Councilman Newman for his opinion. Councilman Newman does not know of any problems on the street. Mayor Grooms advised it was a dark hole at the end of a cul-de-sac and there are problems with people hunting and riding four wheelers. Councilman Davis asked what the other neighbors thought about a light. Mayor Grooms says they would love to see one. Councilman Newman asked who he had talked to and if he had talked to Becky. Mayor Grooms had not talked to Becky but had talked to her husband. Councilman Rich asked if there were three houses on this street. Mayor Grooms asked if there was a motion or did they want to table this discussion. Councilman Newman would like to table this and Becky involved with a decision.

2. RESIGNATION OF TWO PLANNING AND ZONING MEMBERS. We need to appoint one to replace Mrs. Janie Ruth Smith who retires in December.

November 10th Planning and Zoning meeting has four requests to be heard.

Councilman Wynn asked to put Charles Mallard on for November. Councilman Wynn made a motion to appoint Charles Mallard to fill a vacant seat on Planning and Zoning. Councilman Rich seconded the motion and passed with all ayes.

Councilman Rich spoke about the ditches on West Lane Street. He would like to see the city take some action on this but when it is done they do not just dig the ditches deeper. The dirt does not need to be removed, but redistributed.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made by Councilman Rich and seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.