

TOWN OF BOOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2006

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Grooms
Members present: Russell Davis, Annette Wilson, Randy Newman, Sylvia Prosser, William Hendrix, and Attorney Hube.
2. INVOCATION: Councilman Hendrix
3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES: Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.
4. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Motion made by Councilman Hendrix to accept the statements as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.
5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Barney Sineath withdrew his request to speak. He did not have anything at this time.
6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENTS:
COUNCILMAN DAVIS had a proposal from Mr. Sammy Glisson for the maintenance of Brooklet Cemetery. Last year his cost was \$325.00. His proposal for this year is \$340.00 including the new section. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept Mr. Glisson's proposal of \$340.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes. Mayor Grooms advised Council that we still did not have our check from the Kiwanis Club yet but will probably have it at the next meeting. Somebody forgot to bring the check last night. Councilman Davis had provided Council with a copy of an old deed for them to review. Attorney Hube reviewed the deed and thought it would work. Once the plat is drawn up and recorded and the purchaser agreement is printed, the lots will be ready. The purchaser can look at the plat and pick out the plot they want that is available. First come first served.
COUNCILWOMAN WILSON presented a financial report by giving the bank balances from General Fund and Water Fund.
COUNCILMAN NEWMAN- No Report
COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER reported that the crepe myrtles have been trimmed at no cost. She sent a letter to the class and feels it would be good for Council to send a letter also.
COUNCILMAN HENDRIX reports on the work going on at the new shopping center. There is no word yet from Parker Engineering or O & M Services concerning their request for water. Attorney Hube advised he had a phone call from Jerome Jones on the easement but did not have a chance to call him back, but will check with him.
BILL DECHRISTOPHER plans to get the Planning and Zoning Commission involved in the Brooklet Ordinance Workshop. Ms. Gay advised there was no rezoning request for April 11th so this may be a good time to schedule the workshop. Mr. DeChristopher was O.K. with this. By approaching this as a work session we will not involve the public. Mr. DeChristopher would like Council members to submit their comments before the April 11th meeting.

CHIEF MINCEY presented his monthly report to Council. He also advised that the transmission went out in a Police Car and is going to the shop. The Police Department has acquired seven Dell laptop computers from GEMA at no cost, except for a shipping charge of \$54.85.

7. CONSENT AGENDA: None
8. OLD BUSINESS: Appointment of a new City Attorney. Mayor Grooms, Councilwoman Prosser, and Councilman Hendrix met previously with Mr. Hugh Hunter. Mayor Grooms asked Councilman Hendrix to report on that meeting. Councilman Hendrix advised that Mr. Hunter is an attorney in Screven County and his fees were reasonable and he was impressed with him as a person. Councilwoman Prosser advised that Mr. Hunter has been the Attorney for Sylvania for 22 years, so he has the Municipal Law experience. His fee is \$140.00 per hour and when he attends regular Thursday night meetings he will not charge travel expense, but other travel time would be charged. Mayor Grooms advised we also had a letter from Mr. Sam Brannen and Edenfield, Cox, Bruce, and Classens, P.C.
Councilman Newman made a motion to hire Mr. Hunter for our City Attorney. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes. Mr. Hunter's time will begin April 1, 2006. Attorney Hube advised he would get his paperwork together for Mr. Hunter and review some things with him. Councilman Newman thanked Attorney Hube for staying the rest of the month. Letters will be sent to all applicants thanking them for their time and effort.
9. NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Grooms mentioned the meeting with the County concerning the SPLOST Fund. The estimate of our allotment will be \$1,070,000.00 for the six year period. Mayor Grooms had a copy of his request ready to take to Mr. Couch on Friday. The proposed SPLOST Referendum will be held July 18, 2006.
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Allowed to speak only once for five minutes)
William Griffith signed up but had nothing at this time.
Marlene DeChristopher- nothing
Councilwoman Prosser asked about Mr. Spence and whether we were ready to do something for him. Councilman Newman feels we need to do something. Mayor Grooms advised that he and Warren Mallard have talked with Mr. Spence and they will get together.
Councilman Newman wanted to let everybody know that April 8th is the day for the GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP, hosted by Keep Bulloch Beautiful. We will need to meet at City Hall. Councilman Newman will get with Belle to plan refreshments.
11. ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn made by Councilman Newman. Motioned seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.