

TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2006

- 1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Grooms.
Members Present: Russell Davis, Annette Wilson, Randy Newman, Sylvia Prosser, William Hendrix and Attorney Hugh Hunter.
- 2) INVOCATION: Councilman Davis
- 3) APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES: Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes.
- 4) APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the statements as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.
- 5) RECOGNITION OF GUEST:

1- Public Hearing #1- Glenda Williams

Request: Special Exception to allow her to replace a trailer on a lot at 816 Highway 80 West.

Ms. Williams presented her request to Council. She owns several lots in this area which is zoned R-1 and this particular area has three Mobile Homes and Single Family dwellings. One Mobile Home is vacant at this time and not rentable. She would like it removed and replaced with a newer model Mobile Home so she can rent it to someone.

The recommendation from Planning and Zoning at their meeting on March 14th was to allow the Special Exception to enable her to replace the Mobile Home.

Councilman Hendrix feels Planning and Zoning has done a good job on the application. Councilman Newman made a motion to leave the R-1 Zone in place and grant Ms. Williams a Special Exception to allow her to replace the existing Mobile Home. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

2- Public Hearing #2- James B. Reed

Request: Variance on Set Back lines at 211 Precious Circle.

Mr. Reed has to have his house torn down and rebuilt because Georgia Power Company moved a power pole and the lines are now directly over his house. Georgia Power will rebuild the house but he needs to request a variance on the West property line from 30 feet to 20 feet and on the Precious Circle side reduced from existing 60 feet to 40 feet. A septic tank is not required because he is service by the town septic tank and lift station. Councilman Newman made a motion to grant Mr. Reed the variance for set backs as listed. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

3-Barney Sineath: Questions on Open Meetings, the Workshop at City Hall on April 11th, fence on railroad Street, Statues of Julius Circle, and second hearing on a Rezone request made by Mary Sineath in 2003.

Councilman Newman spoke to Mr. Sineath and apologized for the error he made on April 11th. Councilman Newman advised Mr. Sineath he had been given wrong information about Workshops and Closed Meetings. Mr. Sineath accepted the apology but in reference to Open Meetings and Open Records, Council members and Zoning members are not taking advantage of the opportunity to learn this information.

About two and a half years ago Council accepted a bid for a fence to go on the one acre around the septic lift station but the fence is not up yet.

Status of Julius Circle: The minutes he has reviewed indicate that Gates Peede started condemnation process in 1991 and again in 2003.

Question about a second hearing on a rezone request by Mary Sineath in 2003. Mr. Sineath advised this request was denied by Planning and Zoning as well as Council. Mr. Sineath is asking for a second reading on the request. Ordinance book section 12-7 Appeal "the granting or denial (for a zoning map amendment) may be appealed by any aggrieved party, including members of the Planning Commission or City Council by filing an appeal. The decision of the City Council may be appealed to the Superior Court by seeking a Writ of Mandamus within 30 days of the decision, otherwise it is final."

Mayor Grooms asked Councilman Davis the status on the fence. Councilman Davis advised that Billy Taylor should have the four corner posts up already. A price from Lowe's for materials only is \$5200.00 Bid from Eagle Fence (installed) \$6945.00 and Central Fence Co (installed) \$5968.0. Councilman Davis will follow up on this project.

6) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Davis reported on the sale of Cemetery Plots. At this time 58 burial spaces been sold and a deposit has been made in the amount of \$17400.00.

Councilman Davis would like to take the responsibility of staking out the plots, if it is agreeable with Council.

Councilwoman Wilson presented the bank balances from the General Fund and Water Fund. Councilman Newman asked if it was about time to start on the 2007 Budget. Councilwoman Wilson asked Mayor Grooms if he had started working on it and he advised he had worked on it and we needed to get into it some more. Councilwoman Wilson asked if we had heard anything about the 2005 audit. Richard Deal sent the audit books out Thursday afternoon and everyone was provided with a copy.

Councilman Newman reported on a letter received from Keep Bulloch Beautiful thanking the people of Brooklet who participated in the Great American Clean Up Day on April 8th. Councilman Newman had received a quote from Mike Buchan in the amount of \$85.00 biweekly for lawn care maintenance at City Hall. Do we want to get more bids or leave it up to Billy to do this job? A decision will be discussed next month. Councilman Newman wants to get with Attorney Hunter and discuss the Julius Circle subject. At this time he is looking at finishing up Cromley Road and Brooklet Denmark Road intersection.

Councilwoman Prosser did not have a report. She and Chief Mincey have had a discussion and she will let him give the report.

Councilman Hendrix reviewed the Maintenance Agreement between Pittsburg Tank and the Town of Brooklet on the 200,000 gallon water tank. It was not serviced last year and he feels it is time for an inspection.

Bill DeChristopher had no report.

Chief Mincey expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Town Council for the support they have shown him during his time of grief as well as the excitement of his miracle which was a 6 pound 3 ounce baby girl, named Keelie Noelle Mincey.

Chief Mincey has hired Steve Mascarello as a full time officer to replace Ian Catto. A police car has been seen without decals because of some repairs being done and new decals will be placed on the vehicles. Chief Mincey plans to change the paint scheme of the police cars and passed out a copy of the paint colors and decals. He presented a quote from Fails Paint and Body shop for \$700.00 to paint each car. Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the bid and have all three cars painted and decals placed. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

7) OLD BUSINESS: None

8) NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Hendrix presented a proposal for the City to purchase a 24x60 building for storing the water pipes, fire hydrants, equipment, etc. that needs to be under a shelter. Price quoted by Southeast Pole Barn Specialist is \$10,033.90 plus \$160.00 for a 24" header. Depending on the zoning we could put this on the one acre lot on Railroad Street on the west end of the property. Councilman Newman advised we need to figure out where the drain field is and where we will put the secondary drain field which is required by the Health Department. Barney Sineath advised he had a copy of the water and sewer lines for that property. Councilman Hendrix would like to propose the town purchase this building. There were questions about other bids. A decision will be made later, pending Health Department rules and regulations. This quote is good for one week from quote. Councilman Hendrix presented a proposal from Approved Service Co., Inc. for an ice machine for the Public Works Department. This machine is less than a year old at a price of \$2350.00, installation fee of \$115.00, service contract for 12 months of \$225.00 for a total price of \$2690.00 or a lease option of \$85.00 a month. The price on a new machine would be \$3045.00. Councilwoman Prosser advised that in their business they use the lease program. Councilman Hendrix made a motion to purchase the ice machine. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

Ms. Janie Ruth Smith has resigned from Planning and Zoning Commission. Another person needs to be appointed to fill her position. Councilman Newman nominated Norman Schmidt because he was on the commission previously and is familiar with Zoning. Councilwoman Prosser would like to wait and talk with other people before making a decision. She has discussed this with two people who are interested.

Councilwoman Wilson made a motion to table this decision, motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

9) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ms. Oma Lee Roberson was here to find out the plans for paving Julius Circle. Councilman Newman advised her at this time we needed to finish the condemnation process if possible. She has been asking the Town to do something with the old houses.

She mentioned one house has a septic tank but not hooked up to the sewer system. Councilman Newman advised her that if she knew of such a problem, she has a right to report it to the Health Department to check the septic tank. Ms. Roberson asked Mr. Sineath to cut the grass at his place.

Councilman Newman would like to reschedule the workshop meeting for May 9th at 6:00 p.m. He advised Barney he was welcomed to attend.

10) ADJOURN:

Motion made by Councilman Newman to adjourn meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.