

**TOWN OF BROOKLET  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
March 15, 2007**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Grooms called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Members Present:** (L to R) William Hendrix; Sylvia Prosser; City Attorney, Hugh Hunter; Mayor Grooms; Eileen Spiers; Bell Gay; Randy Newman; Annette Wilson and Russell Davis.

2. **INVOCATION:** Russell Davis

3. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:** Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes.

4. **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the Financial Statements as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:** Rusty Smith was recognized as a guest. Mr. Smith reported a problem he and neighbors are having on Baker Street with barking dogs. He stated that the dogs bark at all hours of the night several nights a week. He was directed to call the Police Department. He is to get with Chief Mincey after the meeting to discuss further.

6. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**

**Councilman Davis:** Reported that after talking with Councilwoman Wilson and Councilman Newman he had worked this past week to get new tires for the garbage truck. The best price he could get was \$1,416.00 for six tires. Councilman Davis asked if he needed to make a motion since he had already purchased the tires. Mayor Grooms asked that a motion be made. Whereupon Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the tires. The motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

**Councilwoman Wilson:** Reported the February Fund balances as follows:  
General Fund - \$226,652.29. Water Fund - \$71,517.16.

**Councilman Newman:** Has six items:

1. Reported that the D.O.T. has agreed to repave .07 mile on West Lee Street from Parker to Depot Street. He expressed concern that other small towns are getting more money for repaving. He wants to look into why we are getting less funding than other small towns.
2. Reported that we can get TE Grants or Transportation Enhancement Grants. Applications are due by June 15, 2007. He explained that this is a 20% matching fund grant, which means we match whatever grant we get with only 20%. He reported that this would be a good grant to get for Brooklet and suggested we go ahead and apply. His recommendation would be to use the grant for paving roads and improving sidewalks. He will be looking for input from other council members.
3. Reported that we can spend up to the maximum allowed for each of the SPLOST Funds. He reported that maximums are as follows: Municipal Building, - \$350,000; Cultural Facility - \$75,000; Water System - \$30,000; and City Streets - \$205,000.
4. Got some bids for Julius Circle. Two bids came back with concerns and it was recommended that we get a study done regarding the drainage problem before proceeding any further. He has checked with Joey Maxwell, the Engineer from Statesboro, on a cost for the study. The cost for the study would run anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for Joey Maxwell to do the study. He reported that this was below the ratio of having to get three bids. Having the study done would ensure proper work be done on the road and it would also protect the city if any problems develop down the road.

Whereupon, Councilman Newman made a motion that we pay Joey Maxwell up to \$5,000 to do the study on drainage needs for paving Julius Circle. Councilman Hendrix seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.

5. Reported on the problem with sidewalks and lighting downtown. Both Councilman Davis and Councilman Newman have met with Dan McCorkle about work on the sidewalks. Mr. McCorkle would like to help the city and proposed a four-inch overlay on top of existing sidewalks. The only problem will be the Old Post Office Café's door being lower than other doors on that side of the street. A proposal was made to pay a contractor to raise the door of the Old Post Office Café and build a small ramp on the inside.

Mr. McCorkle is working on a price and will have that for us within two weeks. He will give us the best price he can.

Councilman Newman proposed having a called meeting in two weeks after we get the price from Dan. McCorkle.

**March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. was set for the called meeting.**

6. Reminded everyone that the Great American Clean-up is Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at City Hall. Councilman Newman asked that everyone bring friends and family to help.

**Additional Items:**

**Mayor Grooms.** Asked Councilman Newman to report on the meeting with D.O.T. regarding the parking area and roadway at Angie's Restaurant. Councilman Newman reported that he and Mayor Grooms met with the D.O.T. and two new catch basins were put in.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES: (con't)**

**Councilwoman Prosser:** Had nothing to report.

**Councilman Hendrix:** Reported that he had gotten a letter from GMA concerning the purchasing of vehicles. They have a real good deal where cities can purchase cars and delay payment until SPOST money comes in. Will give copies of the letter to everyone. He suggested that we look at this to see if we want to do this and take a vote at the called meeting in two weeks.

**Additional Items**

**Councilman Newman** asked to be heard regarding information on meter reading equipment, specifically a wand reader for reading meters. He recommended looking at the new equipment again now that we have several new subdivisions coming in. He will get the information to Councilwoman Prosser who is now over the Water Department.

**Councilwoman Prosser** asked about the status of the new police officer. Chief Mincey reported that was still in the process.

**Mayor Grooms** reported on new business – has letter from the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center requesting a contribution of \$500.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES (con't)**

**Chief Mincey:** Nothing at this time.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** None
8. **OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Grooms requested a motion be made on the Coastal Georgia letter. Councilman Newman made a motion that we give them \$500. Councilman Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes.
- 9: **NEW BUSINESS:** None
10. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS:** (Handled during Recognition of Guests)
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING** was made by Councilman Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.
12. **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing personnel matters was made by Councilman Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.  
  
(Wherein all guests exited the room, doors were shut and recorders turned off.)
13. **MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** was made by Councilman Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.
14. **MOTION TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION** was made by Councilman Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

(Doors opened, recorders turned back on.)

Mayor Grooms announced we were back in Regular Session.

Mayor Grooms asked for a vote on Brenda Hendrix's change in hours. Councilman Davis made a motion to hire her for a 30 hour work week, starting today. When the 2007 budget comes up, we will reevaluate her hours and see if

we can offer full time hours and benefits at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

15. **MOTION TO GO OUT OF REGULAR SESSION** and go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation was made by Councilman Newman and seconded by Councilwoman Wilson. The motion passed with all ayes.
16. **MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** was made by Councilman Newman for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

(Wherein doors were shut and recorders turned off.)

17. **MOTION TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION** was made by Councilman Davis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.
18. Councilman Newman made a **MOTION TO ADJOURN** and Councilwoman Prosser seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.)