

**TOWN OF BROOKLET  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 19, 2007**

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER: MAYOR GROOMS**

Members present: Annette Wilson, Randy Newman, Sylvia Prosser, William Hendrix and Attorney Hunter.

**2) INVOCATION BY COUNCILMAN HENDRIX.**

**3) APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES AND CALLED MEETING FOR 7/19/07.**

Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the June minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

**4) APPROVAL OF JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the statements as presented. Motion Seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

**5) RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

1. Public Hearing #1

Annexation Request for Rawlins Ventures LLC of 39.37 acres.

Planning and Zoning Commission has made a recommendation to Council to approve the request with a Zone change to R-1 in order to develop a subdivision. Motion was made by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Mallard and passed with all ayes. Mayor Grooms asked Council if we accepted this motion. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the recommendation, motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

Mr. Barney Sineath asked to address Council and made a proposal about the Zoning signs not being posted. Councilman Newman asked Councilwoman Prosser to rescind her motion and she did. Councilman Newman asked if it was okay to table this matter for thirty days until the signs have been properly posted to Zoning Criteria. Councilman Newman made a motion to table it until the next Town meeting in August, motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

2. Tony Cooper was here to present Council with a quote for the overlay for the new sidewalks downtown. He suggested different colors and patterns that he has.

Mr. Cooper also explained that real pavers would be four times more than his cost. Also, Mr. Coopers work comes with a ten year warranty. Council was concerned that the overlay would not be completed in time for the Annual Brooklet Peanut Festival. Mr. Cooper advised that if the colors had been decided he could have it completed within a week and a half. Council formed a committee to come up with the color pattern and design. The committee includes Councilwoman Prosser, Councilwoman Wilson, and Charles Mallard.

## **6) REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:**

1. COUNCILMAN DAVIS: Absent
2. Councilwoman Wilson gave the June Bank Balance from the General Fund and Water Fund.
3. Councilman Newman presented the progress for the Beautification of Downtown Brooklet. All electricity and water have been installed, islands included. He suggested asking Matthew Wise to come up with a design for the islands. Councilman Newman also made a motion to have a street light installed by Georgia Power at the corner of the bank, for which he has already received a quote for. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

Councilman Newman also reported on the paving of Julius Circle. All the crush and run has been laid. Paving should start in two weeks depending on the progress of the new school.

4. Councilwoman Prosser had no report, although she had a question about the decision on the water meters. Mrs. Belle Gay stated that they have been ordered and should be here soon.
5. Councilman Hendrix had no reports.
6. Chief Mincey asked Council to approve signs for Brooklet Primitive Church. The church would like to put a sign up where Church Street comes out on Parker Avenue and also where Church Street comes out to Lee Street. The signs are three foot by two foot, very decorative, and support the Brooklet Primitive Church. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the approval; Councilwoman Wilson seconded it and it passed with all ayes. Chief Mincey also asked on behalf of Brooklet Development Authority if The Town of Brooklet would sponsor half of the tent cost for the festival. Councilman Hendrix made a motion that we give \$1500.00 for half the tent, seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

**7) CONSENT AGENDA:**

A motion was made to announce a date for a Public Hearing to adopt the millage rate from 7.692 to 6.696 for the 2007 Property Taxes. Councilman Newman made a motion to set a date for August 16, 2007 to have a Public Hearing for the rollback. Councilman Hendrix seconded the motion and it passed with all ayes. Mayor Grooms asked for a motion to close Regular Session and go into Executive Session in order to discuss possible litigation. Therefore, a Motion was made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

A motion was made to close the Executive Session and go back to Regular Session. Motion made by Councilwoman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

**8) OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Grooms wanted to know if a decision has been made on Privatizing Garbage. Councilwoman Prosser read figures from the Sanitation Financial Statements year to date for nine months of revenue and expenses which shows a profit for that period. All Mayor Grooms wants to know is a decision. Councilwoman Wilson needs more information and Councilman Newman would like to see a spreadsheet of what it cost us now, what we are charging, and how much of a profit we are making now. Mayor Grooms suggested getting all the figures and salaries together and maybe we can come up with a decision by next month. Councilman Newman offered to help come up with the information.

**9) NEW BUSINESS:**

Prior to adjournment Mrs. Linda Kimble inquired about the paving of Julius Circle and Mallard Lane.

**10) ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Grooms asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Councilman Newman seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes.