

**TOWN OF BROOKLET
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2008**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Mayor Grooms
Members Present: Russell Davis, Annette Wilson, Randy Newman, Sylvia Prosser, Attorney Hugh Hunter and William Hendrix.

2. **INVOCATION:** Councilman Hendrix

3. **APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES:**
Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the May minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

4. **APPROVAL OF MAY FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the May financial reports as submitted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST:**
 1. **JOHNATHAN KING: FUEL PRICES/ DISPOSAL**
Live Oak is requesting that a 4.3% fuel surcharge be assessed beginning with the June billing. This amount is \$203.52 and following this example a fuel surcharge be assessed each month thereafter. They are also requesting that beginning with the July billing a \$.19/container increase be added to the current cost of \$7.97/container per month making the new charge \$8.16/customer + any applicable fuel surcharge.
Mr. King is not looking to make money off the increase he is simply looking to cover his additional expense; with that being said those are his two request.
Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the request.
Councilwoman Prosser seconded the motion. Councilman Newman then asked for permission to amend his motion to include that Live Oak come back each month to tell Mayor and Council what the new surcharge will be. Councilwoman Prosser seconded the motion and passed with all ayes.

2. ELLEN PERKINS: PEANUT FESTIVAL

It is time for our 19th annual Peanut Festival and Ms. Perkins is asking Mayor and Council to help with the tent. The Town of Brooklet has helped with the tent for the last three years. Councilman Davis made a motion to help the Peanut Festival out at a price of \$1500.00 or half of what the cost is. Councilman Hendrix seconded the motion and passed with all ayes.

Also, the festival needs volunteer help. She has asked to encourage the Town to volunteer and help out this year so we can continue to have the festival.

3. DAN McCORKLE: SUGARLAND SUBDIVISION.

Request to appeal the decision of Planning & Zoning. The application for reduced side yard set backs from 30ft to 15ft for all lots in the subdivision was denied by Planning & Zoning.

Dan and Sandra McCorkle are being represented by Attorney Steve Rushing. This is an appeal with the decision of Planning & Zoning. It appears that their application was too broad. The application was worded to ask for a variance for all of the lots in the Sugarland subdivision, when in fact, they do not need it for all the lots in the subdivision. There are 22 specific lots that are effected by the 30ft side setbacks. They are asking for 15ft on each side. Councilman Newman figured the 22 lots are the worst case and also the 30ft is excessive. This variance is for these 22 lots only. Councilman Davis believes lots 29, 30, 31, and maybe 32 should also be added.

Councilman Newman made a motion to approve 15ft on all 22 lots as well as 15 ft on lots 29 thru 32. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

4. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2008/2009 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Barney Sineath had a few questions on the budget: Is the amount of the water fund transfer to the general fund correct? Is that \$20,000.00 coming out of the sales of water or cds'? Mrs. Belle stated that it is coming from revenues. He also was concerned on the fuel budget for the police department and stated that he's not sure if they can survive on that amount. Mr. Sineath also questioned the SPLOST MONEY; If you don't budget it, can you use it? There will be no revenues in this budget for SPLOST. Mr. Sineath also asked Council if anyone signed

up for the GMA classes; Mayor Grooms, Lori Prosser and Hugh Hunter has signed up to attend classes.

Dr. James Orr asked about the water rates going up. Mrs. Belle stated that we will be having a called meeting on this matter at 6:00pm on June 26th; Mr. Bill Powell from Georgia Rural Water Association will explain the changes that will need to be made to comply with Federal E P D Mandates that require a tiered-usage rate system of all water providers as an incentive to conserve water.

6. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Davis: We had to replace the clutch on the lawn mower Also, we had an accident with the white chevelote truck and Councilman Davis has a couple of quotes to have it fixed. Mayor Grooms feels that we should leave the vehicle as is, we shouldn't spend the money on it unless we absolutely have to.

Councilwoman Wilson: Gave the water fund, general fund, cemetery fund and SLOST fund balances.

Councilman Newman: Councilman Newman wanted to know if we have insurance on the truck and a deductible; we do have insurance and the deductible is \$1000.00. He is about to get started on replacing and repairing sidewalks; has talked to a gentleman about working up a quote to replace some of the stop signs with the nice metal poles; we have our rumble strips in place and also a sign showing that there is a curve there. Chief Buchan stated that he has received good feedback on the rumble strips. We also have the signs up downtown for no skateboards, bicycles, or anything with wheels on the sidewalks.

Councilwoman Prosser: No reports.

Councilman Hendrix: No reports.

Chief Buchan: The incident that took place at the Brook Haven Apartments has been closed with one arrest with eight felony charges. The SOP manual is complete and Chief Buchan has asked to put it on the agenda for next months meeting to be adopted; which it will be. He is also asking for the approval of a new police car. Chief Buchan has received several quotes on a new car. One of the police cars have already had the front end replaced and now needs a new rear end. Chief Buchan feels like we are wasting money on this car and it is not dependable. Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the new car at the amount of \$28,000.00; this will include the car and the equipment. Motion was seconded Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

Attorney Hugh Hunter: Requested to leave and be taken out of order unless Mayor and Council had something to review with the Attorney. Mayor and Council granted Attorney Hugh Hunters request.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION FOR A CALLED MEETING FOR JUNE 26TH:

6:00PM- JUNE 26, Mr. Bill Powell of the Georgia Rural Water Association will explain the charges that will need to be made to comply with Federal E P D Mandates that require a tiered-usage rate system of all water providers as an incentive to conserve water.

7:00PM-June 26th, Adopt a Resolution for 2008/2009 budget.

Councilman Newman made a motion to have a called meeting for the two items to be discussed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Resolution on the abandoning of the lane going out to Dixie Street.

B.J. Scott spoke on the Abandoned Lane lying between US Highway 80 and Dixie Street in the City of Brooklet. Mrs. Scott understands the abandonment of the lane; she doesn't feel that the lane benefits anyone except the Shuman family. Mrs. Scott has dealt with water problems behind her shop; the City of Brooklet does not maintain the lane and there's a lot of excess parking. All Mrs. Scott wants to know is where her property is and how its designated; wants the lane put where it is suppose to be and not on her land any more.

Attorney Hunter stated that the City does not have the power to resolve the dispute between the adjoining lanes. Council can rescind their decision from last months Council meeting of the Abandonment of the Lane and get input from the property owners of the lane. Councilman Davis would like to see where the road ends before a decision is made. Council agreed to hold last months motion instead of rescinding the motion. Councilman Newman made a motion to hire All Day Land surveying to survey the lane so there's no confusion about where it goes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

Charlotte Shuman also spoke to Mayor and the Council; she would really like the Town of Brooklet to consider keeping the lane open; she and her family have been using the lane for over forty years. In the past, Calvin Shuman has done maintenance to the lane, the Shumans use it as a way to get into the back of their property. Mrs. Shuman presented a document asking the surrounding neighbors to sign, stating that they would like to see the lane left open.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for a replacement of Charles Wilson on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Councilman Newman made a motion to nominate Jim Stanoff.

Councilman Hendrix seconded that motion and passed with all ayes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS.

These comments shall be limited to the subject that is being debated.

Members of the public may speak for five minutes and may speak only once.

Anyone wishing to speak at any meeting must be recognized by the Mayor before addressing the board.

Charles Mallard would like to make a recommendation based on the Sugar land issue, that his position was, any new subdivision should comply with regulations; so his recommendation would be to recognize the error and change the ordinance.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Grooms asked for adjournment; all in favor; so moved.