

**TOWN OF BROOKLET
CITY CALLED MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Grooms**
Members Present: Councilman Davis, Councilwoman Wilson, Councilman Newman, and Councilman Hendrix.
Attorney Hugh Hunter and Councilwoman Prosser were absent.

2. **INVOCATION:** Councilman William Hendrix

3. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:**
Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

4. **APPROVAL OF AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the financial reports as written, motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST:**

**1. HARRY STARLING/ATTORNEY HAL ROACH;
DISCUSSION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE TOWN OF
BROOKLET PROPERTY ON WHICH THE BROOKLET BAPTIST
CHURCH RESIDES.**
Harry Starling presented Council with two Resolutions. The first Resolution concerns the deed on this property; the deed contained a restriction limiting the use of the property to the Baptist Ministry and members of the Baptist Church, therefore, it is hereby resolved that any and all restrictions upon the use of said property shall be removed upon the conveyance of said property to the Brooklet United Methodist Church and it is further resolved that the Mayor shall execute a recordable release and conveyance, attested by the City Clerk, of any and all restrictions contained in the deed in conjunction with said sale. Mr. Starling is asking for Council to approve Resolution #1, asking for the stated restriction to be removed from the deed.

The second Resolution states that Brooklet First Baptist Church has moved to a

new facility and desires to sell its former property and buildings located in the City of Brooklet to the Brooklet United Methodist Church. There is a portion of the property, buildings and improvements encroaching upon certain unused and unopened streets and rights-of-way of the City of Brooklet which are no longer used by the public and are no longer needed for public road purposes. The City of Brooklet is authorized to sell and convey the property to the adjoining property owners. Therefore, the City of Brooklet has determined that the sum of \$800.00 represents a fair and reasonable value for the land and that the property is unnecessary for road or other purposes of the City of Brooklet.

Councilman Davis made a motion to accept Resolution #1 to clear the deed of the restriction, motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix. Motion passed with three ayes, Councilman Newman chose to abstain.

On Resolution #2, Councilman Davis suggest and make a motion to accept the 4,414'sq. for the sum of \$800.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with three ayes. Councilman Newman chose to abstain.

Also, Hal Roach asked for a Councilmember or the Mayor to approve the plat by signing the deed. It was signed by Councilman Newman.

2. BARNEY SINEATH;

1). COUNCILMEMBERS LACK OF INTEREST IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Mr. Sineath wanted to know about the approval of a new fuel pump.

Councilman Newman stated it was discussed several months ago.

Mayor Grooms stated to Mr. Sineath that we accepted a bid for \$5,905.00.

2). ARBATRARY ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES. HOW TO DECIDE WHICH ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE.

Mr. Sineath asked Councilman Newman about our City Inspector, Chad McCorkle. He wanted to know how long does Mr. McCorkle have to take the test required to be a certified City Inspector. Councilman Newman stated that he has 6 months from the time he is hired to become certified. Also, Bulloch County has trained Mr. McCorkle on building inspections; his title includes, Code Enforcement, Building Inspector and Planning and Zoning Administrator. Presently, Belle Gay is still acting as Zoning Administrator until Mr. McCorkle has been trained to take the position.

3). THE HISTORY AND STATUS OF 320 RAILROAD STREET.

The Town of Brooklet has 1acre of land near Mr. Sineath's property on

Railroad street; several years ago Council agreed to put a fence up dividing the two and provide lighting to the area. Mr. Sineath stated that until the 1 acre belonging to the town is staked off, he will not cut the grass and clean up his property. Mayor Grooms and Councilman Newman agreed to put the markers up in order for Mr. Sineath to proceed on maintaining the property at 320 Railroad Street.

Mr. Standoff asked Mayor Grooms for permission to address the speaker. Mayor Grooms agreed.

6. REORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: No Reports.

COUNCILWOMAN WILSON: Gave the August Balances for the General fund, SPLOST, Water fund and the Cemetery fund.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN: In the past we have talked about re-doing the sidewalks and putting in new street lights for our downtown area. Since then, one side has been completed. Councilman Newman now has a quote to put in street lights for the other side; six new light poles for \$4800.00.

Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the quote for \$4800.00 for the new lights for downtown. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

Next, Billy called about problems with the tractor. Mayor Grooms went to see someone at Farm Mart and found out that there is water in the oil. The guy Mayor Grooms spoke to said he would come to the Public Works Department and take a look at it, then he would give us an estimate on the repairs.

Councilman Newman suggested maybe getting a quote to trade ours in and purchase a new one with a capital arm on the side of it. Councilman Newman will get some prices before next months meeting.

Also, Mrs. Dot Roebuck asked Councilman Newman to get permission from the Mayor and Council to hang up 2 old photos of the Town of Brooklet.

Councilman Newman made a motion to hang the pictures in City Hall, motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER: Absent.

COUNCILMAN HENDRIX: Officer Jonathan McGahee has completed and graduated from academy school and is now a full time certified officer for the Town of Brooklet.

ATTORNEY HUGH HUNTER: Absent.

CHIEF MIKE BUCHAN: Absent.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

8. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chief Buchan is still working on the SOP manual; it should be ready for our October meeting.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

REVIEW OF A PROPOSED GENERIC RESOLUTION TO COMPLY WITH WHAT IS NOW SECTION 13-9 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Councilman Newman was in the process of replacing the sidewalks in town until Mrs. Belle found out in the ordinance it states, if there is going to be any improvements done to sidewalks, you have to have a resolution and give a two weeks notice and will also place two ads in the paper. Therefore, Councilman Newman is making a motion for a resolution to approve repairing the sidewalks at various locations around town, motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix 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 only speak once. Anyone wishing to speak at any meeting must be recognized by the Mayor before addressing the board.

THOMAS RICH, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:

Thomas Rich would like permission to do his Leadership Service Project in the downtown area of Brooklet. His project plan is to help the reversal of the destruction of nature. In downtown Brooklet, there is a patch of blacktop that has been marked off as a no parking zone. Mr. Rich stated that the outline of his project is to help the city remove this section and put in some curbing. He, as well as volunteer workers will fill in the area with topsoil and an irrigation system for a group of plantings that will be placed in the topsoil. This will consist of 6 Amelia sp, 3 Viburnum Suspeusum, and 2 Osmanthus Fragrans. Along with his project, there will be a second project done by his fellow Scout from his troop, Sterling Lewis. Mr. Lewis will be putting in benches around the area that Mr. Rich will be completing. They have both agreed to help each other on their projects and are very eager to help the Town of Brooklet that has provided so much for both of them, education, friendship and most of all a home. The amount of curbing required will be about 125' and the project will begin in May 2008. Councilman Newman believes BCDA will help with the cost of the project and will be glad to help out as much as he can. Councilman Davis made a motion to help Mr. Rich out from Boy Scouts in removing the asphalt, supply the topsoil, and share the cost of the curbing, motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

A citizen of Brooklet, Jimmy Davis, will be donating \$500.00 to the project.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Grooms asked for adjournment.

Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.