

**TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2009**

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

2. **INVOCATION:** Councilman Hendrix

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

4. **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the financial reports as written; motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST:**
 1. **Earnest D. Stokes - 302 North Cromley Rd.:**

Mr. Stokes spoke to the Mayor and Council about his property on North Cromley Street; he is not in compliance with the ordinance and believes he is under the Grandfather Clause. In order to have farm animals within the city limits he will need to make a request to rezone the property to A-1, agriculture.

 2. **Jonathan King - Live Oak Environmental:**

Mr. King would like to discuss a possible recycling service for the Town of Brooklet, including curbside recycling. This service will be included into the water and garbage bills every month. They will provide 18 gallon containers to the citizens with garbage service; items that can be recycled can be placed in the containers, then the containers can be placed out at curb with the garbage carts. Live Oak will empty the containers the same day they pick up the garbage. Mr. King is working on getting a Grant from GEFA to pay for the containers and a recycling facility. The grant normally takes up to one year if not longer. He also discussed between now and then, the town should send out a newsletter to get input from the citizens on rather or not they would like to recycle.

6. REORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: Absent.

COUNCILWOMAN WILSON: Gave the General, Water, SPLOST, and Cemetery Fund balances from December.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN: The tractor has been placed on backorder; John Deere will allow Brooklet to use a loaner until the new tractor comes in. There will be no fee to use the tractor. The street lights are up, we lack one pole in front of Dr. Bohlke's office, Councilman Newman will meet with the Georgia Power representative to get this project finish completing this project. Some of the broken sidewalks have been replaced and the Scout Project on Parker needs more dirt before it is complete. Councilman Newman would like to have Ellis Wood do an overlay with asphalt and put a v-shape curb on Cromley road between Lee and Lane street; Ellis Wood proposed an estimate of \$30,943.00 this project will be paid for out of the SPLOST Fund. Councilman Newman believes this will be a good point to show what we envision for the future in the Town of Brooklet to make it a walk able town everywhere. Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the proposal from Ellis Woods which he will start immediately; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER: No Reports.

COUNCILMAN HENDRIX: Councilman Hendrix would like to finish an unfinished project that we started at the Elementary School; the teachers and Georgia Southern students organized a plan for a small park at the school, we started cleaning up the slab and we lack one hour of work to finish. Mayor and Council gave Councilman Hendrix the okay to allow our maintenance department to finish the project.

ATTORNEY HUGH HUNTER: Absent.

CHIEF MIKE BUCHAN: Chief Buchan asked Councilman Newman to prepare some paperwork for a Curfew Ordinance in the Town of Brooklet. There are a couple of changes the Chief would like to make to the Ordinance. In the last month, we have had a few problems with juveniles vandalizing property in Brooklet. Next month we will discuss the Ordinance and make changes that need to be changed so we can go ahead and adopt it. Also, Councilman Newman asked Chief Buchan to do a monthly report for the Council; instead, Chief Buchan presented Council with a yearly report for 2008. This report covers everything that happened in 2008. Its been brought to Chief Buchan's attention that there are a lot of children living on East Lee street and the citizens are requesting Children at Play signs, he would like to get approval to order the signs. Another thing is the

speed bumps on Cromley, they need to be painted. Last week Officer Jonathan McGahee wrecked the police car; the officer is okay and the young lady in custody was taken to the hospital to be checked out, she only received minor injuries. The Chief has asked for estimates to repair the car, right now we are waiting to here from the insurance company.

CHAD MCCORKLE: Chad has been helping Councilman Newman replace the sidewalks downtown and is doing a great job. Mr. McCorkle would like to thank the Mayor and Council for giving him the opportunity to work for the Town of Brooklet.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Motion to fix and publish Qualifying Fees for each office to be filed in the 2009 election. Council seats 3, 4 & 5 fee of \$54.00.

Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the Qualifying Fees for \$54.00 on seats 3, 4 & 5; motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2009:

1. CHARTER SECTION 3-8 APPOINTMENT OF A CITY ATTORNEY - Attorney Hugh Hunter

2. CHARTER - SECTION 3-9 APPOINTMENT OF A CITY CLERK - Mrs. Belle Gay

3. CHARTER - SECTION 3-9 APPOINTMENT OF A CITY MARSHALL - Chad McCorkle

4. CHARTER - SECTION 3-10 APPOINTMENT OF A CITY TREASURE - Mrs. Belle Gay

5. CHARTER - SECTION 3-11 APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTING FIRM - Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield & Deal

6. CHARTER - SECTION 4-2 APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPALE COURT JUDGE - Judge Lovett Bennett

Councilman Newman made a motion to approve all six Appointments for 2009; motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

7. CHARTER - SECTION 2-9 COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - Councilman Davis

STREETS - Councilman Newman

WATER - Councilwoman Prosser

FINANCE - Councilman Hendrix

SOLID WASTE/GARBAGE - Councilwoman Wilson

MAYOR OF PRO-TEM - Councilwoman Wilson

Councilman Hendrix made a motion to accept all five Council Committees and the Mayor of Pro-tem; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser 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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Grooms asked for adjournment.

Councilman Newman made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes.