

**TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

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

2. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Grooms

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

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

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST:**
 1. **Barney Sineath;**
Status of the property at 320 Railroad St.:
The Council and Mayor are considering purchasing the property at 320 Railroad Street. Mr. Sineath would like to know if there will be a decision made in the near future from the town. Councilman Newman stated that we are working on getting all the information, Attorney Hugh Hunter stated that there will be an Executive Session to discuss the matter of the property. The Executive Session will be held after the Council meeting tonight.

Duties of City Marshall:
There is no job description for a City Marshall; Councilman Newman suggested we work the duties for a City Marshall.

Bonds on Sugarland Subdivision:
The warranty bond has expired and needs to be renewed; the street acceptance doesn't have to be completed until at least 50% of the lots have been built up on.

Acceptance of Water System and Streets in Sugarland Subdivision:

The water system has been inspected but not accepted. Councilman Newman will check into the progress of the Sugarland Subdivision.

6. REORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: Sammy Glisson gave a proposal for 2009/2010, regarding the care and upkeep of the Brooklet Cemetery. The proposal to cut every two weeks, blowing off the slabs as needed and spraying certain plots and areas deemed to be out of control with weeds and unwanted grass for \$360.00 per cutting (twice a month).

Mr. Glisson also made a proposal to remove and dispose of old flowers found in the cemetery, spraying the needed areas twice per season for \$200.00 (each spraying). If a third or fourth spraying is needed, the cost will remain the same. Councilman Davis asked for a motion to accept this proposal from Sammy Glisson, motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILWOMAN WILSON: No Reports.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN: Received four bids for a new lawnmower; Durden's gave a bid for a 2008 Exmark Kohler for \$7,911.75; H & D Supply gave a bid for a 2008 Evertide Kawasaki for \$6,975.00; H & D Supply also gave a bid for a 2008 Evertide with a Briggs motor for \$5,800.00 and Bragg Motor gave a bid for a 2009 Hustler Super Z Kawasaki for \$8,500.00; Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the bid from Durden's for an Exmark Kohler for \$7,911.75, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

stop The new tractor has arrived. Councilman Newman would like for everyone to by the Public Works Department to take a look at it.

The Cromley road project was due to start Feb.19, 2009, but with the rain, it has been delayed; the project downtown by Linda's Shop worked out good.

Wes Sharrod at EMC Engineering met with Councilman Newman and Mrs. Belle about some stimulus grant money that may be coming down the line with the stimulus package. Councilwoman Prosser, Councilman Newman and Mrs. Belle met with Mr. Sharrod to get more information on the grant. Basically, they will do all the paperwork and send it in free of charge and then if the town does get the grant, we can use them but are not obligated to. This grant money will be used for water and streets. Councilman Newman asked for an agreement from Mayor and Council, they all agreed to apply for the grant.

We have looked at getting the ditch between Roy Silvers house and Mr. Brannan's house, on the side of City Hall filled in and doing some pipe work;

Councilman Newman has three quotes, Shawn Bowen gave a quote of \$9160.00 which includes labor; Mill Creek Excavating for \$28,220.00, and Ellis Wood for \$15,400.00; Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the quote from Shawn Bowen for \$9,160.00, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

There have been some changes made to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Council and Attorney Hugh Hunter will need to look over the changes and present it at next months meeting. Planning and Zoning will be having a meeting March 10th and will also review the changes at that time.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER: No Reports.

COUNCILMAN HENDRIX: Gave the January financial reports. Councilman Hendrix also reported that Georgia Power Co. paid their Annual Franchise Fee in the amount of \$61,053.84.

ATTORNEY HUGH HUNTER: No Reports.

CHIEF MIKE BUCHAN: Chief Buchan would like to thank Jason Lanier on donating pine bark to the Brooklet Police Department. Chief Buchan gave the monthly report and explained the pursuit which Jonathan McGahee performed; Officer McGahee is now on reserve with the National Guard. Chief Buchan also asked the Mayor and Council to have a 1st reading on the Curfew Ordinance, there will be a 2nd reading at the March meeting. The Ordinance will be posted at City Hall for anyone to come by to review it. Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the 1st reading for the Curfew Ordinance, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

CHAD MCCORKLE: Absent.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to close the regular council meeting.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Property acquisition.

Councilman Davis made a motion to close the regular session and go into an executive session, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wison and passed with all ayes.

Motion to close the Executive Session to return to regular session.

Call regular session to order.

Councilman Davis made a motion to close the executive session and go back into the regular session, motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix; motion passed with all ayes.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to close the regular council meeting.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

Councilman Davis made a motion to close the regular session and go into an executive session, motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

Motion to close the Executive Session to return to regular session.

Call regular session to order.

Councilman Davis made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to regular session, motion was seconded by Councilman Newman 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.

Barney Sineath would like to comment on a job well done by Officer Johnathan McGahee on the pursuit that took place in Brooklet and ended in Screven County. Mr. Sineath is happy to see Officer McGahee is well and doing okay.

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.

