

TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2009

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS**
Members present, Councilwoman Wilson, Councilman Newman, Councilwoman Prosser, Councilman Hendrix and Attorney Hunter. Councilman Davis was absent.
2. **INVOCATION; COUNCILMAN HENDRIX**
3. **MAYOR GROOMS** announced the meeting was opening with a Public Hearing To inform residents of a plan to apply to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a Stimulus Community Development Block Grant. The funds would be used primarily to benefit low and moderate income persons. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain citizen input. Mayor Grooms asked if there was any input from the public. Councilman Newman explained that this is a part of the Presidents' stimulus package and when we found out there was money available, we started working on this. The plan is to have Troy Street and Brown Street in Waters Trailer park paved. We are allowed up to \$300,000.00 and have to follow procedures which one was to advertize and hold this public hearing. The paperwork has to be finalized next week and take to Atlanta on June 1, 2009. Mr. J. B. Sineath signed the sheet to speak. He asked Mayor Grooms what the Matching funds would be on the grant. He was advised there would be no Matching funds as long as we stay under the \$300,000.00. Mr. Sineath advised we did not have minority participation and that was always a problem in the past. Councilman Newman said a survey had been done of the entire trailer park to find out if we could qualify. Councilwoman Prosser asked if we would use the \$300,000.00 for paving the roads. Councilman Newman had reviewed a couple of bids and one was for \$297,000.00. At this time there is only one project which is roads. We wanted to replace water lines, but did not have enough time to set up permits from E. P. D. Mayor Grooms closed the Public Hearing.
4. **APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES.** Motion made by Councilwoman Prosser to approve the minutes and seconded by Councilman Hendrix. Motion passed with all ayes.
5. **APPROVAL OF APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.** Motion made by Councilman Hendrix, seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.
6. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA;**
The Mayor and Council would like to present a plaque to Mrs. DeLaine D. Tyson For nineteen years of service with the Town of Brooklet. Mrs. Tyson accepted

the plaque and expressed her appreciation.

7. REPORTS FORM COMMITTIES;

COUNCILMAN DAVIS, Absent

COUNCILWOMAN WILSON reports that Public Works Department has had all four trucks services last week. Last month we discussed selling the old Ford tractor and the street sweeper that was purchased in 2005 and is not being used. The tractor has been sold to Newell Recycling Center and the street sweeper will be advertised for sale for \$2,000.00.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN; Mr. Rod Pye had asked Council last month to see what could be done about the water run off on his property. Councilman Newman presented three bids on this project.

PARKER ENGINEERING \$1,700.00

E M C Engineering Service, Inc. \$1,500.00

MAXWELL- REDDICK AND ASSOCIATES \$8,950.00

Councilman Newman made a motion to go with Parker Engineering. Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER, No report.

COUNCILMAN HENDRIX presented the April bank balances from all funds.

ATTORNEY HUNTER had no report.

CHAD McCORKLE reported on a class he attended (G A C E O) last month and had a score of 95 on the test.

8. CONSENT AGENDA.

9. OLD BUSINESS. MOTION TO ACCEPT OR DENY THE RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING & ZONING TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING ARTICLE V11 OFF S STREET PARKING AND SERVICE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 7-8 AND SBUSTSITUTING IN ITS PLACE A REVISED SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: THE PUROPSES OF THIS ARTICLE ARE TO INSURE THAT RETAIL STORES OF ALL TYPES NOT MENTIONED OTHERWISE ALLOWS ONE SPACE PER 250 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL FLOOR SPACE.

Attorney Hunter asked if proper procedures were carried out. An application for Text Amendment was filed by Mayor and Council and the public hearing was advertised. Mayor Grooms announced the opening of the Public Hearing of the amendment. Motion was made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

Mr. Sineath asked is this was a text amendment for zoning and who made the application. Attorney Hunter understands the procedure can be done by the Mayor and Council presenting the amendment to Planning & Zoning for a recommendation and advertise the Public Hearing. Mr. Sineath does not agree and will file a Constitutional Challenge. Mayor Grooms asked for other comments or discussion. Councilman Newman made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes. Regular Session was called back to order and Councilman Newman made a motion to approve the recommendation from Planning & Zoning and amend the ordinance to read "ONE SPACE PER 250 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL FLOOR SPACE. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

10. NEW BUSINESS;

1. The 2009/2010 Budget worksheets have been printed for each department.
2. Motion to close the regular session to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. Motion made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes.
3. Mayor and council returned and a motion was made to go out of executive session and back to regular session. Motion made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes. Mayor Grooms called the regular session back to order. Mr. Paul Scott would like to deed the reserved area of Brooklet Plantation over to the Town of Brooklet. In April of 2007 Mr. Scott was sent a list of items which needed attention in the Subdivision, but he did not correct the problems with the streets and drain pipes. Mr. Scott will be contacted again on this matter.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Mr. J. B. Sineath signed up to speak. He had concerns on the Building Permit from The Broadway Group, LLC for the Retail Store plans.

12. ADJOURNMENT,

Motion made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.