

**TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2009
MINUTES**

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

2. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Joe Grooms

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY MEETING:**
Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to accept the July minutes as written; motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson and passed with all ayes.

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

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST REQUESTING TO BE ON THE AGENDA.**
1. WESLEY PARKER; PARKER ENGINEERING
Report on Hydrology Study and Drainage analysis of Ingram Street and West Lee Street area.
Wesley Parker from Parker Engineering did some studies for The Town of Brooklet on Rod Pyes' property by the Denmark's pond. Their findings on the house were that the pipes are too small under the road which causes the water to come in faster than the pipes can take it out; also the road and the house are basically the same elevation. The pond downstream isn't causing the problem although it's not helping the situation either. A couple of solutions would involve figuring out how much water the pipes are taking now and replacing them with bigger pipes and then lowering the road, this would not cause the road to flood anymore then what is flooding now. The opinion of probable cause project cost will be \$68,955.40; Councilman Newman stated our maintenance workers could do some of the work themselves. Council has decided to think about the proposal and discuss it at the called meeting on September 3rd, 2009.

6. **REPORTS FROM THE COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Davis wanted to let everyone know that the Brooklet Police Department did a fine job at the Peanut Festival on August 15th.

Councilwoman Wilson had no reports.

Councilman Newman: Originally The Department of Transportation was not going to do any LARP projects this year but they have decided to do .082 miles of Waters Street between Lee street and Lane street. The Peanut Festival went well, we had a large crowd, all and all it was a pretty good day. Also, Councilman Newman has asked Jason Lanier to look at an irrigation system downtown; BCDA did the flowers around the gazebo and they still look good, they also paved some of the sidewalks in front of Dr. Bholkes' office which turned out to look real nice. Jason Lanier has given an estimate for an irrigation system to go from Lane street down to Lee street. The irrigation system will be head to head coverage, covering complete area, with rain proof Nelson 4-zone clock. The system will have a one year warranty, excluding lighting. The job estimate is \$2600.00. Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the proposal from Lanier Lawn Care; motion was seconded by Councilwoman Wilson and passed with all ayes.

Councilwoman Prosser had no reports.

Councilman Hendrix was absent.

Attorney Hugh Hunter: All is quiet on the legal front.

Chief Mike Buchan gave the monthly Brooklet Police report and also stated that everything worked out well for the Peanut Festival.

Chad McCorkle was absent.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. REVIEW OF 2008/2009 WATER FUND BUDGET AND MOTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AMEND SAID BUDGET.

WHEREAS, the local budget of 2009 was adopted on June 26, 2008
WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend said budget now
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Brooklet Town Council, that the following amendments to the budget be made:

WATER FUND

Anticipated Revenues from **\$148,825.00** to **\$171,325.00**

Appropriations from **\$148,825.00** to **\$171,325.00**

Acct.#31.3200 S.P.L.O.S.T Funds increased	\$15,000.00
Acct.#34.4210 Water Sales increased	\$3,500.00
Acct.#34.4250 Admin. Fees (New Acct)	\$4,000.00

Total Increase.....	<u>\$22,500.00</u>
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Councilman Newman made a motion to adopt a Resolution to amend said Budget; motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

2. THE TOWN OF BROOKLET CURRENT 2009 DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2009. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE BROOKLET TOWN COUNCIL TO HAVE A CALLED MEETING SEP.3RD, 2009 IN ORDER TO SET THE MILLAGE RATE FOR THE YEAR 2009 PROPERTY TAX.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

1. COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PLANNING & ZONING MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BROOKLET CODE OF

ORDINANCES.

(1) REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGE AMEND SECTION 10-2 OF BROOKLET CODE OF ORDINANCES INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINE FROM \$50.00 TO \$500.00 FOR VIOLATING THE CHAPTER ON ANIMALS.

The purposes of this article are to increase the maximum fine from \$50.00 to not exceed \$500.00 to a person who allows any dangerous or vicious animal of any kind to run large within the city.

First Reading; change passed. There will be a second reading at the September 3rd called meeting.

13.5 (2) REVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 12.5, SECTION AND SECTION 14-5, OF APPENDIX B-ZONING TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. MAKING A CORRECTION TO THE PHONE NUMBER.

First Reading; Change passed. There will be a second reading at the September 3rd called meeting.

(3) REVIEW OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE TO SECTION 5-2 OF APPENDIX-B ZONING TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

major The purposes of this article are to reduce the minimum front yard setbacks from street right-of-way or property line to a uniform distance of 60 feet on streets and to 40 feet on all other streets in A-1, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, C-2, I-1, I-2, Zones; and to reduce the minimum side yard depth from 30 feet to 20 feet in R-1 and R-2 zones.

First Reading; change did not pass. There will be a second reading at the September 3rd called meeting.

(4) PROPOSED CHANGE TP SECTION 2-38 MANUFACTURED HOMES.

Postponed; Attorney Hugh Hunter will prepare a set of guidelines to place in the ordinance. Councilman Newman will bring a copy of guidelines from Bulloch County and have Attorney Hugh Hunter get a copy of federal guidelines, hopefully by the September 3rd called meeting.

(5) PROPOSED CHANGE TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-4, 8-5 AND 8-16 OF APPENDIX B-ZONING TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR SIGN PERMITTING.

Postponed; Councilman Newman recommends that Brooklet needs to look at updating the sign ordinance and compare to Bulloch County and Statesboro; they need to be similar to theirs to be consistent.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. A SUGGESTION BOX WILL BE AVAILIABLE FOR COUNCIL

MEMBERS TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF THEIR THOUGHTS OF WAYS TO CUT BACK ON SPENDING, SO WE MAY STAY WITHIN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010. DISCUSSION ON THE SUGGESTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE SEPTEMBER 3RD , 2009 CALLED MEETING.

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.

Jim Stanoff: Brooklet Denmark road coming from Hwy. 67 it is 55 mph and then it says school 35 mph, now there's not another sign coming down the hill and it says reduce speed limit again and the next sign is 45 mph; there use to be a 45 mph sign there but the sign was taken down and never put back up; there's no end school zone; Councilman Newman will take care of the problem and get a sign put back up.

Mayor Joe Grooms, City-County Consolidation Study Meeting:
Mayor Grooms, Councilmember Randy Newman, Councilmember Russell Davis and Recording Clerk Lori Prosser attended the meeting on August 18,2009. Members of the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, met with the Statesboro City Council, representatives from Brooklet, Portal, Register and three dozen concerned citizens to hear presentations from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the Co-chair of the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce consolidation committee. This meeting was not to create a consolidation plan, but just the first step toward gathering information so that the community leaders could make an educated decision about moving forward - or not - with city/county consolidation. Carl Vinson will come down and do a consolidation study. The Statesboro City Council still has to vote to fund their half of the study.

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.

