

TOWN OF BROOKLET
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2004

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; Mayor Grooms
Members present F. Rich, R. Davis, R. Newman, A. Wynn
and Attorney Hall. Councilwoman Prosser was absent.

2. INVOCATION; Mayor Grooms.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEB. 19th MEETING.
Following a brief review, a motion was made by
Councilman Rich to accept these minutes as distributed.
Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY.
Councilman Rich reported on General Fund and Water Fund
account balances and pointed out some expenses. The
Franchise Checks from Georgia Power and Farmers & Merchants
Bank were deposited in March. Councilman Rich made a motion
to accept the reports as presented. Motion seconded by
Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes.

5. BIDS ON FORD TRUCK AND THREE POINT HITCH BACK HOE
ATTACHMENT.

Sealed Bids opened on Truck:

L. Newman	\$275.00
J. Grooms	525.00
Kitchen Craft	535.00
R. Vogt	625.00
L. Waters	725.00
C. Walker	800.00

Sealed bids on Three Point Hitch:

Howard Ag	\$ 450.00
Ellis Wood	502.00
E. Smith	510.00
J. Perkins	951.00
J. Floyd	1,200.00
L. Crosby	1,500.00
T. Freeman	1,623.00

High Bid on the truck was Charles Walker \$800.00.

High bid on the backhoe attachment Tim Freeman at
\$1,623.00. Councilman Rich made a motion to accept the two
high bids. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed
with all ayes.

2. NORMAN SCHMIDT had information for Council concerning a web page for the Town of Brooklet. He and Clayton Heller put together a hand out on posting Town information on a web page and the cost of the setup. Councilman Rich made a motion to allow Norman Schmidt and Clayton Heller to proceed with the development of a Web Page for the Town of Brooklet. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS;

COUNCILMAN RICH: No further report.

COUNCILMAN DAVIS reports that Eddie Smith and Randy Newman had been checking out road conditions. Pot holes are noticeable in the streets, but the machine is down now. They checked out Mr. Mincey's drainage problem on Cromley Road. They think a 15" black plastic pipe in the driveway will help. Mayor Grooms has some black pipe he would be glad to donate. Councilman Newman would like to get estimates on cutting the driveway and patch it back. The town has the saw for cutting. Councilman Davis took Eddie down Julius Circle to look at those problems. As soon as the equipment is available, they can work that area. They plan to use a grate all and clean out the ditch on the corner by Mr. Sam Griner's house. Mayor Grooms asked Mr. Griner if he had any comments. Mr Griner advised they had talked about this at Kiwanis. His complaint or proposal was to dig a deeper ditch at 708 West Lee Street. Three landowners are Mr. Griner, Mike Prosser and Donna Martin. The ditch holds water and the existing pipes cannot handle a 1 or 2 inch rain without overflowing. Councilman Newman advised they plan to clean out the ditch at the corner of Parrish Lane and not Mr. Griners ditch. Mr. Griner "do you think this unsightly ditch is in keeping with our community policy of Keeping Brooklet Beautiful?" Councilman Davis asked Mr. Griner to let them dig out the corner first and see what happens and go from there. Councilman Newman has asked DOT to help with this area, but they have not been. He will ask again if they will help and if not, we will have to hire an engineer to do a study and use grant money to correct the problem. Councilman Wynn made a motion if we cannot get help from DOT, we will put out bids for an engineering firm to look at the problem. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN; The Cafeteria project has been at a standstill. He and Councilman Wynn will get together and look at plans and get bids out for plumbing and electrical jobs. All contractors must furnish Insurance Certificates. Councilman Newman has ordered the Southeast Bulloch signs and they should be here tomorrow. The County has offered us a chance to get into their GIS (Zoning information in a Geographical information System.) there will be a one year set up contract for the amount of \$1,000.00 at the end of the first year they will discuss the contract for the coming year for cost adjustments. Councilman Newman presented a motion to pay the \$1,000.00 to get this started. Motion seconded by Councilman Rich and passed with all ayes.

COUNCILMAN WYNN; no report

CHIEF MUNDY reported on four ongoing investigations in the city. His vacation starts next week. He and Councilman Newman had looked at a bad spot in the pavement at the front entrance of the Elementary School. About a six foot area on the right of way is breaking up. Councilman Davis is to get estimates on having this repaired.

MAYOR GROOMS announced the clean up day is March 27 and would like participation from anyone available. Mr. John Cromley is handling this.

8. OTHER BUSINESS FROM CITY COUNCIL;

(1) HEARING ON APPLICATION FROM LARRY FLOYD.

Special Exception on a metal building. Mayor Grooms asked Mr. Floyd if he would like to address council. Mr. Floyd advised the Planning & Zoning Committee had approved the request with conditions. He has agreed to plant trees to block the view from Highway 80. The metal building will be used for storing his trucks and equipment also as a shop. Councilman Rich was concerned about proper disposal of hazardous waste materials. The minutes from Planning & Zoning showed where this has already been addressed. Barney Sineath signed up to speak. He has no objection to the zoning building, but his question was how the zoning decision was made March 9 and on the 18th it is presented to council. He was advised the hearing was scheduled for February Zoning meeting. A discussion was held at this time and Mr. Floyd was not present to answer questions. Also there were only 2 Zoning members present. The hearing was tabled until March meeting. Had Council waited till April, he would have gone past the 60 day waiting period. Councilman Wynn made a motion we accept P & Z recommendation to allow Mr. Floyd to construct the metal building. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

(2) Nominations of representatives to Keep Bulloch Beautiful. Wendy Walker was nominated last month, but decided she would not be able to attend the meetings. Mayor Grooms asked for suggestions. Councilman Newman says he attends most of their meetings and he would volunteer. Councilman Rich made a motion we accept this offer to be Brooklet's representative to Keep Bulloch Beautiful. Motion seconded by Councilman Wynn and passed with all ayes. Council Newman abstained.

(3) Second reading of the Sign Ordinance. The first reading of the Text Amendment was last month. Attorney Hall read the Text Amendment of the ordinance. Motion made by Councilman Rich to accept this second reading of the ordinance. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

(4) Review of recommendation from Planning & Zoning meeting for February 10, 2004. Charles Wilson, on behalf of the P & Z Commission would like to make a recommendation to City Council to Rezone 208, 210 and 212 East Lee Street properties from Ito R 1. Also properties facing Railroad Street parcel 145 & 146. Councilman Rich feels we may want to establish a Public Zone for areas such as City Hall, RESA and others. City hall, no matter what it is zoned would be not conforming. Councilman Newman asked if all land owners agreed to the change, would the city pay the cost involved. Councilman Rich says no charges would be imposed on the landowner, the town would pay advertising cost. Councilman Rich recommended we proceed with the two lots: Mrs. Queen Kennedy, Lot #142, 208 East Lee Street and Ms. Betty Pollard, Lot 143, 210 East Lee Street. Councilman Rich will speak to the land owners and get back with council in April.

(5) Text Amendment to Metal Building Ordinance. Different ideas were discussed. Councilman Newman is to get a copy of Metal Building Ordinance from Statesboro. The discussion was tabled till next month. P & Z will be asked to attend the April meeting.

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(6) Review of water & Garbage Rates.

Mayor Grooms reports he spoke to several people about rate increases. They are not happy about this because they are on a fixed income. He feels there are other ways to cut the budget. Councilman Davis would like to see an increase in Garbage fees because of the people who put garbage out beside the garbage cart provided. Councilman Rich would like to have a budget review before we decide. March 27th was set as a date for this review. Councilman Wynn would like to see comparison from other towns.

Attorney Hall advised council that the Julius Circle papers have been signed by the Judge.

Councilman Rich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

EXHIBIT A

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF BROOKLET

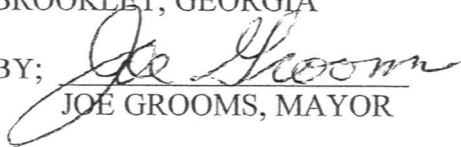
AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF
BROOKLET, GEORGIA

BE IT ORDAINED by the Brooklet City Council that Section 8-9. CHANGEABLE COPY SIGNS (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) Changeable copy signs are permitted as an integral part of any permanent signs which meet all other requirements of this article, and further subject to the following restrictions.
- (1) The total display area of any sign containing changeable copy panels shall not exceed the size limitations imposed elsewhere in this article.
- (2) Changeable copy signs will only be allowed as part of the original construction and erection of a sign which complies with the specifications required by this article or as part of a significant structural alteration to an existing sign, and thus being an integral part of that sign.

MAYOR OF CITY COUNCIL
BROOKLET, GEORGIA

BY;


JOE GROOMS, MAYOR

ATTEST;


BELLE GAY, CLERK

DATE; 3/18/04