

TOWN OF BROOKLET
CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2005

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: MAYOR GROOMS

Council Members present: Randy Newman, Aubrey Wynn, Fred Rich, Russell Davis, Sylvia Processor, and Attorney Hube.

2. ATTORNEY HUBE ADVISED MAYOR GROOMS OF A MEETING LAST WEEK WITH SCOTT HODGIN AND DISCUSSED SEVERAL DIFFERENT OPTIONS CONCERNING THE BROOKLET BAPTIST CHURCH ON WEST LANE STREET. Attorney Hube reviewed a plat of the property and pointed out the two small tracts of the property, one where part of the church building encroaches on town property. The other tract is a strip of the property which was granted in a deed in 1951 from the town to the church in order for the church to expand. Initially the church came to us with this drawing showing the piece of property they would like to have. It has now been amended to say that council can draw a property line to divide the property in a manner that we would be comfortable with and if at all they ask that it would include the corner of the building and the concrete drive. They also discussed considering the option for the town to purchase the building on the property if we chose to do so. As well, some concerns as to who might purchase the property if it were sold and Attorney Hube feels the zoning ordinances would take care of this issue. Where it sits it would not get rezoned to be anything other than what it is now. It sits in a residential area and is zoned residential and does not seem likely it would get rezoned commercial.

Attorney Hube feels the offer on the table would be instead of this block of property that they had come with was just to say that we could draw a line that we might be comfortable with.

MAYOR GROOMS ASKED IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS. Mr. Gerald Edenfield was present and asked to speak on behalf of the group of about 45 people attending the meeting that do not want this property taken away from them. It was given to the Church and they want it to remain in Trust. He reviewed a deed that states that the premises shall be used, kept, held, and maintained as a place of Divine Worship of the Baptist Ministry and maintained under the Baptist Church. They were here to ask Council as the Trustee in this matter to maintain this and not desert the church and these people. Mr. Edenfield asked for on behalf of these people that the town hold on to this property. Mr. Edenfield asked for all the people to stand if they would like for the city to retain the church property and he offered to help with any legal matters concerning this property.

MAYOR GROOMS ASKED IF COUNCIL HAD ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR. EDENFIELD. Councilwoman Prosser asked of the people attending with Mr. Edenfield are they willing to take a little less land. Attorney Hube agreed and added that without gaining title to the property they cannot sell the building. Councilwoman Prosser made a motion to go along with what Mr. Edenfield said and never give the property to anybody except the Baptist Ministry. Motion seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes. None opposed. Mayor Grooms announced the motion stands passed at the present time.

3. MAYOR GROOMS ASKED FOR AN ADJOURNMENT. Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.