

**TOWN OF BROOKLET  
COUNCIL MEETING  
6/21/07**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; MAYOR GROOMS**

Members present: Russell Davis, Annette Wilson, William Hendrix, Randy Newman, Sylvia Prosser, and Attorney Hunter.

**2. INVOCATION BY COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER.**

**3. APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES & CALLED MEETING FOR 6/7/2007.**

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER noticed some mistakes in the minutes. COUNCILWOMAN WILSON said the starting salary for the new officer was \$22,000.00, not \$122,000.00. Councilwoman Prosser said the amount in the budget for a new vehicle was \$33,000.00 not \$133,000.00. Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the minutes with the mentioned corrections being made. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

**4. APPROVAL OF MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN made a motion to accept the statements as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

**5. RECOGNITION OF QUEST: Dot Robuck.**

1. MRS. ROBUCK presented council with a copy of the "Brooklet Standard Tribune", dated Friday, July 6, 1928 at 5cent per copy. This was Brooklet's first newspaper. Richard Williams had this copy and gave it to Frankin Lee who brought it to her when they were doing some history on the town. She felt like it was important and wanted to have it framed and hung in the City Hall. Mr. William Howell had agreed at an earlier date to pay for the framing of the paper. The framing was done by Wesley Godbee and Josh Greeson. Mrs. Robuck wants to hang it on the wall in the council room.
2. REX SMITH Branch manager, H.D. Water Works.  
The town had the opportunity to take advantage of a good deal on a hand held meter reading system. The city of Rincon had purchased this equipment for \$9000.00. They never did get the system set up to use and

offered this to the Town of Brooklet at a price of \$600.00. Mr. Smith was then contacted by Ms. Gay to get an idea of how long it would take to get this system installed and he was here tonight to present this information to council. The change out program would consist of changing out meters, meter boxes with touch read hole, meter reading wand extension, and hand held replacement battery and auto-read software. Estimated total price of \$53,440.00 depending on the number of meters and lids. Mr. Smith answered several questions from residents attending the meeting.

3. Bill DeChristopher was here to address Mayor and Council concerning a proclamation to be signed in order to make August 18, 2007 "Military Appreciation Day" in Brooklet. This will be in conjunction with the Annual Peanut Festival. Both copies will be framed and one given to Council and they will keep one.
4. Rawlins Ventures LLC had been asked to sign and file application for annexation of 39.37 acres into the city limits and request initial zoning of R-1. Applications were signed by Rawlins and Mayor Grooms signed the letter to the Bulloch County Commissioners.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. COUNCILMAN DAVIS:  
At the time he would like to reject all bids concerning the garbage service. He and Sylvia needs more time to gather more information on the subject. Councilwoman Prosser thinks the question is if we are going with privatization but we will get a list of things we will expect from each company.
2. Councilwoman Wilson gave the May bank balance from the General Fund and Water Fund.
3. Councilman Newman thinks the paving of Julius Circle will begin Monday. Mr. Smith will re-stake the road before they begin paving. Work is coming along on the sidewalks. Georgia Power should be ready to set up poles soon.
4. Councilwoman Prosser believes that we as a Town need to let Bell know that we appreciate her going that extra mile to find the equipment and saving that money for us. She feels that now is the time for us to do this project.

5. Councilman Hendrix wanted to clarify the reason the Police Department had an increase in their budget. The reason is the two full time employees. Councilwoman Wilson advised that a motion was not brought up to hire Brenda as full time. Councilman Hendrix would like to make that motion now that we hire her full time starting July 1, 2007. Motion seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.
6. **CHIEF MINCEY** reports the new car is in service now. Portable radios came in this week. Chief Mincey introduced the new officer Brandon Neil who resides in Statesboro and previously worked at the Sheriff's Office at the Bulloch County Jail and Bulloch County Correctional Institute. Chief Mincey wanted to clear up some misconception we have discussed concerning law enforcement. All members were provided a copy of Law Enforcement Service Delivery Terms from the House Bill 489 Agreement with the county. Chief Mincey gave a brief review and asked if anyone had questions.

7. **CONSENT AGENT:**

1. Motion to nominate an Absentee Ballot Clerk and Election Superintendent for the November Election. Councilman Newman made a motion to nominate Belle Gay as Absentee Ballot Clerk and Election Superintendent. Motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

8. **REVIEW OF BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2007/2008:**

Councilman Newman made a motion to adopt the budget as presented, motion seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN wanted to ask our fire chief (Steve Vezo) while he is here tonight how we are doing on equipment for the fire station. Mr. Vezo advised they did not have all the equipment they needed. Councilman Newman thought it might help if the Mayor and Council wrote a letter to Ted Wynn. Mr. Vezo thinks that they do not have the money budget wise. Brooklet was scheduled to get another fire truck last year but the funds were used for the new jail. Clito got a new truck which cost

more than what they had planned for. Brooklet and Leefield only have two trucks each.

Warren Mallard asked to address Council. He is unable to hear some of the discussion from Council. He suggested we purchase the clip on microphones for Mayor and Council.

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**ADJOURMENT.**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting made by Councilman Newman, seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.