

**TOWN OF BROOKLET
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2008**

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

2. **INVOCATION:** Russell Davis

3. **APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES:**
Councilwoman Prosser made a motion that we accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

4. **APPROVAL OF JUNE FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
Councilman Newman made a motion to accept the June financial reports presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Davis and passed with all ayes.

5. **RECOGNITION OF GUEST:**
 1. BARNEY SINEATH
1. REZONE ISSUES: Sugarland Plantation; Mr. Sineath is beginning to question why we have a Planning and Zoning Commission. We give them certain guidelines and rules to go by and they make those interpretations on those guidelines and rules. Mr. Sineath would appreciate it if Mayor and Council and the Zoning Committee could decide exactly what their plans for Brooklet are, and how we are going to enforce this.

 2. BUDGET: Mr. Sineath has glanced over the budget and his interpretation is that the budget has been adopted and seems to be several thousand dollars out of balance. The reason for that is, is transfers from the water fund back into the general fund. The SPLOST version or addition to the budget indicates that Council has intentions of moving some seventy thousand dollars out of the SPLOST fund back into the general fund. Mrs. Belle stated that we are not allowed to do that.
Mr. Sineath believes we should itemize our SPLOST items. Under the Charter, the Mayor proposes the budget and works with the staff to come up with the budget. Mr. Sineath stated that it is Councils responsibility for adopting this budget. He does believe the budget is not a balanced budget.

3. GMA TRAINING: Mayor Grooms and Lori Prosser attended the GMA Training in June at the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center. Mr. Sineath shared with the ones who did not attend; the classes that were offered included a Planning and Zoning class. Mr. Sineath appreciates our efforts to further our education at the tax payers expense.

4. COST OF LANE CLOSING: The lane is not closed it is still open. Mr. Sineath would like to know the final figure on the lane. Mrs. Belle stated it was around three thousand dollars or less. Mr. Sineath wanted to know if the Town of Brooklet has benefited anything from that.

2. JOHNATHAN KING: LIVE OAK ENVIROMENTAL;

Mr. King was asked last month to come back on a monthly basis and let us know the fuel increase. He is asking for a the same amount from last month which was 4.3% (a total of \$203.52). He hasn't seen anything where the price of fuel has stayed level from month to month however, hears some positive things coming from in future on the rapid price of the barrel of oil. This has not been reflected in price yet, so his cost this month will be the same as last. The disposal increase took place on July 1st and that will be reflected in your bill for the first time at the end of this month. Councilman Newman asked for a motion to approve the surcharge again for this month. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE:

COUNCILMAN DAVIS: The cemetery is complete. Walkers Tree Service has been paid for his work. Councilman Davis would like to know if it would be a good idea to put a sign up at the cemetery to keep people from dumping dirt in the cemetery; he will look more into having a sign made up. Another thing he would like to do is for him and Councilwoman Prosser to look into getting some trees for the back ditch in the cemetery. Also, Ellis Wood donated all the black pipe for the cemetery.

COUNCILWOMAN WILSON: Absent.

COUNCILMAN NEWMAN: Councilman Newman would like to apologize for his little outburst at the called meeting. Next, the BCDA is looking at spending some money on The Town of Brooklet. They are looking at buying banners for the poles downtown. They are buying enough to do both sides of the road. They are also going to replace the benches downtown and also put up new trash cans.

COUNCILWOMAN PROSSER: No Reports.

COUNCILMAN HENDRIX: Wants to put the Adoption of the SOP Manual on the agenda for our next Council meeting which will be held on August 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM, Brooklet City Hall.

CHIEF BUCHAN: We have our new police car and it is now in service. He now has three police cars fully equipped and is still less than the money allowed for one car. Chief Buchan is very proud of the new car. Trapnell-Dodge and White Lights really bent over backwards to service the new car. Other than that everything is going really good right now.

ATTORNEY HUGH HUNTER: Requested a short executive session.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to have a called meeting to make final corrections to the Code of Ordinances.

We will have our called meeting on Thursday August 7th, 2008 at 7:00PM
All agreed.

Motion to allow the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the final resolution of the Solid Waste Management Plan to be adopted for the Bulloch County and Cities of Statesboro, Brooklet, Portal and Register.

Councilman Newman made a motion to sign the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hendrix and passed with all ayes.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

Trees on the lane: To cut down 8 oak trees, clean up and grinding the stumps; cut down 4 pine trees, clean up and grinding the stumps will be \$1300.00. Billy and Gene will be helping Charles Walker take the limbs off. Councilman Hendrix made a motion that we accept Mr. Walker's price of \$1300.00. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Grooms has asked to lets try to save gas in our city vehicles; not to leave the cars or trucks idling when not in the vehicles. Jim Standoff asked about adding a surcharge to the citation amounts. This would be an add on, You can't add a fuel charge to the fine. Chief Buchan has already began collecting information on this. Attorney Hugh Hunter stated that we could increase the fine as long as we do not go beyond the statutory limit.

Attorney Hugh Hunter requested a short executive session to discuss pending litigations. Councilman Davis made a motion to go into executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Newman and passed with all ayes.

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.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Grooms would like to have a motion to close the executive session and go back into regular session for adjournment. Councilman Newman made a motion to adjourn, motion was seconded by Councilwoman Prosser and passed with all ayes.