



CITY OF BROOKLET

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William Griffith, Councilman

City Attorney
Hugh Hunter

City Clerk
Lori Phillips

CITY
COUNCIL
AGENDA
May 20, 2021
7:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INVOCATION**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**
- 5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES BELOW.**
 - 5.1. February 18, 2021 City Council Minutes
 - 5.2. March 11, 2021 Work Shop Minutes
 - 5.3. March 18, 2021 City Council Minutes
 - 5.4. April 15, 2021 City Council Minutes
- 6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED**
- 5. RECOGNITION OF GUEST**
 - 5.1. Rebecca Kelly – 705 West Lane St., Brooklet, GA 30415
- 6. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
 - 6.1. Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett
 - 6.2. Councilman Anderson
 - 6.3. Councilman Stanoff
 - 6.4. Councilman Griffith
 - 6.5. Councilman Schlierf

7. REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

7.1. Gary M. Roberts

8. REPORT FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR/CITY MARSHALL

8.1. Bobbie Hoch

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Downtown Sewer Project Update

9.2. Discussion and possible motion to approve the quote from Cooper Electric Inc. in the amount of \$1,685.50 for the electrical work performed in the month of April at the Brooklet City Well.

9.3. Discussion and possible motion to approve the quote from Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$2,950.00 to repair the lid on the septic system located on Goodman Street.

9.4. Discussion and possible motion to approve the quote from Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$11,529.00 to repair the electrical controls at the water tower.

9.5. Discussion concerning the approved budget balance for the rental house repairs and labor.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Discussion and possible motion to accept a quote for removing tree stumps from West Lane Street, West Lee Street, and at the Randy Newman Community Center.

10.2. Discussion and possible motion to accept a quote for trimming the trees throughout the Brooklet Plantation Subdivision, this will also include the cleanup.

10.3. Discussion and possible motion to contribute \$1,500.00 to BCDA for the 2021 Brooklet Peanut Festival.

10.4. Discussion and possible motion for new software for the City Text Messaging System.

10.5. Discussion and possible motion to approve the tentative budget for FY2022.

10.6. Discussion to schedule two budget sessions for the public, one in early June and one right before the June City Council meeting.

- 10.7.** Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of 25 water meters and 25 sensus tips from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company in the amount of \$4,200.00 per the Brooklet City Charter Sec. 3-1 (9).
- 11. Consideration of a Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)**
- 12. Consideration of a Motion to exit out of Executive Session and return back to the Regular Meeting for any Discussion or Motions to be made.**
- 13. MOTION TO ADJOURN**



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MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Grooms
2. **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Pro-Tem Nicky Gwinnett, Brad Anderson, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith, Attorney Hugh Hunter, and City Clerk Lori Phillips.
Greg Schlierf was absent.
3. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Grooms
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**
5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**
 - Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add under New Business Item# 10.8., discussion and possible motion to purchase tap in equipment to tap into the main water line for repairs.
MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett
SECOND: Brad Anderson
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0
6. **MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES BELOW.**
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MOTION: Brad Anderson
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0

7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL FINANCIAL REPORTS AS PRESENTED

MOTION: Brad Anderson
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0

8. RECOGNITION OF GUEST

- **Rebecca Kelly – 705 West Lane St., Brooklet, GA 30415**
Mrs. Kelly would like to know what the plans are for removing the tree stumps around town that was left behind after taking down trees from the city rights-of-way. Councilman Anderson stated that this is an agenda item and will be addressed later in the meeting. The other issue is the way the limbs are being “shredded” not trimmed. This opens the trees up to all kinds of diseases and it is an eye sore to the community, she suggests that the city purchase a pole saw, not use the hydro dig to do this work.
- **Marjorie Frazier – 100 South Cromley Rd., Brooklet, GA 30415**
Mrs. Frazier has lived in Bulloch County for over 45 years and would like to publicly state that she is in favor of the S&S Expansion coming through Brooklet, there are amazing greenways all over this country and also in other countries, on all the trails she has been on, she has been safe and feels safe. She will continue to advocate for the extension of the trail and make sure that the positive side is heard.
- **Bill Gaskin – Chapter President of GA Chapter 8 U.S. Military Vets Motorcycle Club**
Mr. Gaskin and the club have been occupying the Scout Hut for the last four years, in their four years they have accomplished many goals and would like to express his appreciation to the City of Brooklet for allowing them to do so. In addition, for serving as a place to hang the Charter and hold their monthly meetings, they have conducted three fund raising events for homeless vets and raised well over \$9,000.00 that directly went to homeless vets in ways as food, clothes, tents, sleeping bags, and survival equipment. They have conducted a fund-raising event for the Bulloch County Humane Society, and raised over \$3,500.00 for them, the building has served as temporary storage for thousands of pounds of water, food, clothing and supplies for homeless vets, most of that collected from offside events held in Statesboro, such as camp outs and such. The items that were collected but not needed, were donated to the local Goodwill and benefitted the community by creating jobs there at that location. They have held several sort and pack events at the Scout Hut, this is where they purchase back packs and fill them with the items donated, and then distributed those to the homeless vets. The building has also served as a temporary storage for a distribution site for toys for less privileged children in the local area at Christmas time. They have also, hosted two

wedding ceremonies for two members, after the death of Phillip Reynolds, they used the Scout Hut for a place for the family and friends to gather to honor his death, they were also a collection point for worn damaged flags, they conducted three flag retirement ceremonies there, they would open the building during the peanut festival as a cool down location, offering free refreshments and water to all, it was the operating location for Wreaths Across America, and most recently, they used the building as a planning site for a fund raiser for a toddler with leukemia and raised over \$4,000.00 for the family. They appreciate the hospitality and will be moving out at the end of the month.

- **Gilbert Howard – 209 East Lane St., Brooklet, GA 30415**

Mr. Howard presented a porch cushion to the Mayor and City Council explaining that it was ruined by cats, this cushion cost him \$85.00 and he is not happy. He is not anti-cat, he has owned cats and dogs, but he is allergic to cats and he is fed up with the cat problem, he is here tonight to announce to all that he is sick and tired of them tearing up his furniture and his lawn, he would like for Council to enforce a cat ordinance, until then, he is begging for help and will begin protecting his property by killing cats.

- **Erika Beegle – 207 West Lane St., Brooklet, GA 30415**

Mrs. Beegle is here to follow up with information about the S&S Trail, the trail will affect her property by coming directly through her front yard, and she will not deny that there are pro's to a trail but her main concern that she shares with plenty of her neighbors is that their children live so close to the road already and they are taking up to 27 feet of the front yards, they will placing benches right at the front doors of their properties and that would literally be eight foot from her front porch. She is not denying that there is eminent domain, but her concern is, that we have two sidewalks, one on each side of the street, it has served the community well, many of the community members use the sidewalk, the trail in itself has to extend, its part of a long term plan that will come to the community as a part of the plan to come from Athens to Savannah, the plan is not to end in Brooklet, but to move into Stilson and the residents that live on that end have not been informed of this information and that is where a lot of the outrage is coming from. She believes that all parents need to be informed of this information, she is concerned about the safety of the children and also, the farmers. She feels her security and safety can be jeopardized and have been due to an individual being in her back yard taking photos of the property with the no notice. Mayor Grooms let her know that a public meeting will be held to provide information to all the residents concerning the trail.

9. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett

- The International Ford truck that was donated to Public Works is finally up and running and we will be using it while using the leaf vacuum around town.
- All the electrical and repairs on the well buildings have been completed.
- The work on the Public Works buildings have been completed.
- The repairs to septic system on Goodman Street have been completed except for the lid and a float being repaired, but will be within the next two weeks.
- Everything else is moving along pretty good.

Councilman Anderson

- Budget Report

Councilman Stanoff

- Final report about the hydrants have been given to Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett and it turns out, we do not have as many as we thought we did that require repairs.
- Reach Alert – Text messaging service via email and phone notifications; dynamic program; \$1.00 per household per year to the residents, the second year will be \$2.00 per household per year. This service also sends out severe weather alerts as well as acts as a weather siren.
- The safety grant will be approved in October, once it gets approved there is a back log to get the money to purchase the generator, chances are, it will not be this year.

Councilman Griffith

- The tree project has been completed.

Councilman Schlierf

- Absent

10. REPORT FROM POLICE CHIEF

Gary M. Roberts

- The PD is back up to strength, there has been an increase since the last reporting period for calls of service.
- Citations have been rising due to complaints of loud exhaust and speeding vehicles.
- The annual qualification class was a success. All Officers qualified. Chief Roberts is asking Council to help him by allowing a two-lane firing range on the city property behind Southeast Tire, it will be a private range and will be available to the off-duty officers to go to for training. This is something we will check into.

11. REPORT FROM BUILDING INSPECTOR/CITY MARSHALL

Bobbie Hoch

- March report, he performed 58 inspections, issued 5 c.o.'s, and issued 15 permits.
- April report, he performed 141 inspections, issued 3 c.o.'s, and issued 21 permits.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Downtown Sewer Project Update** – Mayor Pro-Tem was planning on the City Engineer being present but he had a business meeting to attend, he would like to wait for the engineer to be present to explain the plans that he has suggested to the city for this project.

- b. **Discussion and possible motion to approve the quote from Cooper Electric Inc. in the amount of \$1,685.50 for the electrical work performed in the month of April at the Brooklet City Well.**

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Brad Anderson

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

- c. **Discussion and possible motion to approve the quote from Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$2,950.00 to repair the lid on the septic system located on Goodman Street.**

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Bill Griffith

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

- d. **Discussion and possible motion to approve the quote from Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the amount of \$11,529.00 to repair the electrical controls at the entire control systems and the water tower.**

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Bill Griffith

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

- e. **Discussion concerning the approved budget balance for the rental house repairs and labor. Councilman Anderson made a motion to table this item to a later scheduled work session.**

MOTION: Brad Anderson

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

13. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion and possible motion to accept a quote for removing tree stumps and clean up from West Lane Street, West Lee Street, and at the Randy Newman Community Center.**

Three quotes were received, F.S.H. Tree Service submitted a quote for \$1,300.00 and Walker Tree Service submitted a quote for \$1,600.00 (if the city removes the debris) or \$2,100.00 (if his crew does the cleanup).

Councilman Anderson made a motion to approve F.S.H. Tree Service in the amount of \$1,300.00.

MOTION: Brad Anderson

SECOND: Jim Stanoff
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0

- b. **Discussion and possible motion to accept a quote for trimming the trees throughout the Brooklet Plantation Subdivision, this will also include the cleanup.**

Two quotes were received, F.S.H. Tree Service submitted a quote for \$8,850.00 to trim and clean up 59 trees and Walker Tree Service submitted a quote for \$5,900.00 to trim and clean up 59 trees. A motion was made to accept the quote from Walker Tree Service.

MOTION: Bill Griffith
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0

- c. **Discussion and possible motion to contribute \$1,500.00 to BCDA for the 2021 Brooklet Peanut Festival.**

A motion was made to table this item at a later time.

MOTION: Bill Griffith
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0

- d. **Discussion and possible motion for new software for the City Text Messaging System.**

Councilman Stanoff has been researching a new text messaging service that not only sends text, but can send notices via phone and also, email. Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to table this item to allow more time to do more research.

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett
SECOND: Bill Griffith
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0

- e. **Discussion and possible motion to approve the tentative budget for FY2022.**

Councilman Anderson presented three (3) budget handouts to the Mayor and Council for review, after a brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the tentative budget for FY2022.

MOTION: Brad Anderson
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

- f. **Discussion to schedule two budget sessions for the public, one in early June and one right before the June City Council meeting.**

- Budget Public Hearing #1: May 28, 2021 at 8:00 AM
- Budget Public Hearing #2: June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM

- g. **Discussion and possible motion to approve the purchase of 25 water meters and 25 sensus tips from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company in the amount of \$4,200.00 per the Brooklet City Charter Sec. 3-1 (9).**

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Brad Anderson

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

- h. **Discussion and possible motion to purchase a tap in machine in the amount of \$1,950.00, to tap into the main water line to do repairs, this will help us from cutting the water off to the whole town.**

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Bill Griffith

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

14. **Consideration of a Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)**

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Bill Griffith

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

15. **Consideration of a Motion to exit out of Executive Session and return back to the regular Meeting for any Discussion or Motions to be made.**

MOTION: Bill Griffith

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

Motion carried 4-0

16. **Motion to hire Mr. Johnny Alamia as the full-time Sanitation Truck Driver effective May 21, 2021 with an hourly rate of \$18.00.**

MOTION: Brad Anderson

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson

NAYES: None

- Motion carried 4-0
17. MOTION TO ADJOURN
MOTION: Brad Anderson
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Jim Stanoff, Nicky Gwinnett, Bill Griffith, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 4-0



Joe A. Grooms III, Mayor

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this 15th day of July, 2021.

Attest:



Lori Phillips, City Clerk