



CITY OF BROOKLET

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Joe Grooms III, Mayor

Nicky Gwinnett, Mayor Pro-Tem

Bradley Anderson, Councilman

Greg Schlierf, Councilman

Jim Stanoff, Councilman

William Griffith, Councilman

City Attorney

Hugh Hunter

City Clerk

Lori Phillips

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**WORK SESSION**  
**&**  
**CALLED MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**  
**6:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order by Mayor Joe Grooms, III**

PRESENT: Greg Schlierf, Brad Anderson, Lori Phillips, Nicky Gwinnett, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith presided.

**2. Work Session Items:**

**2.1. Hiring of Police Officers** – Councilman Griffith and Chief Craft would like approval from the Mayor and City Council to increase the hourly pay rate for Part-time Officers from \$14.25 to \$15.00 per hour and to also consider hiring a couple of more Officers for part-time employment due to a shortage in staff. All agreed.

**2.2. GDOT – Fiscal Year 2021 LMIG Program (Road Re-surfacing) Update** – Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett has begun the process for applying for the LMIG Grant and will continue to work on it, the deadline to have it all submitted is February 2021. The Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program is responsible for determining appropriate funding levels for the road centerline mileage information for each county and city. In connection to this, the Office of Transportation Data (OTD) is responsible for maintaining the accurate mileage for each entity to ensure that proper mileage is reported for the grant disbursement.

**2.3. Property Tax 2020 Mileage Rate Update** – Councilman Anderson and City Clerk Lori Phillips is in the process of calculating a roll back rate in order to not have a tax increase. Councilman Anderson stated that he can not and will not vote for a tax increase because in essence until this Council including himself, gets the finances in order and can learn to live within the budget we currently have, you won't get him to do anything different.

**2.4. Sunday Package Sales of Malt Beverages and Wine** – Council has decided to put this item off until next year due to the timing of preparing for a Special Election and also having to host an additional election site. The next City Election will be in November 2021.

**2.5. GDOT – Walking Trail Update** – Residents that live in the area where the walking trail is coming through have voiced concerns of safety, privacy, and lighting of the area. Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett stated that he is going to inquire with the County about joining the committee as a representative for Brooklet in order to stay up to date with the proposal and will also, try to schedule a meeting with them for more clarification.

**2.6. Cotton Gin Lane** – Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett advised the Council that he found out that the city owns the road leading into the Bulloch Cotton Gin, referred to as Cotton Gin Lane and they have reached out to him about splitting the cost of paving the lane. The cost of the project would come from the T-SPLOST fund. Council has agreed to move forward with the project.

**2.7. Garbage Service Contract** – AllGreen Services has decided to sell out to Atlantic Waste Company at the beginning of the year. Council has agreed to a consent and waiver to finish out the three (3) months left remaining of the contract. The City of Brooklet will begin servicing its own garbage service January 1, 2021.

**2.8 North Cromley Road** - A planning session has been scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM for public participation, questions, and answers.

### **3. Action Items:**

#### **3.1 Approve an hourly rate of \$28 per hour for skilled labor.**

Motion made to approve the hourly rate of pay for doing specialized construction type projects and allows the city to compensate the individual at a job two (2) rate, if the work requires to use his staff, we would create a p.o. for their work.

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Jim Stanoff

AYES: Greg Schlierf, Brad Anderson, Nicky Gwinnett, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

#### **3.2 Approve the purchase for two (2) tool boxes for the PD Trucks.**

Councilman Griffith presented the following quotes:

- Tractor Supply - \$206.99 a piece
- Extreme Automotive - \$300.00 a piece
- AG Supply - \$339.00 a piece
- Lowe's - \$260.00 a piece

Motion made to approve the quote from Extreme Automotive for two (2) tool boxes

not to exceed the amount of \$600.00.

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: Brad Anderson

AYES: Greg Schlierf, Brad Anderson, Nicky Gwinnett, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

**4. 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: Jim Stanoff

SECOND: Bill Griffith

AYES: Greg Schlierf, Brad Anderson, Nicky Gwinnett, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

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

MOTION: Greg Schlierf

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

AYES: Greg Schlierf, Brad Anderson, Nicky Gwinnett, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

**6. Motion to Adjourn**

MOTION: Jim Stanoff

SECOND: Bill Griffith

AYES: Greg Schlierf, Brad Anderson, Nicky Gwinnett, Jim Stanoff, Bill Griffith

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

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**Joe A. Grooms III, Mayor**

The foregoing minutes are true and correct and approved by me on this \_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**Attest:**

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**Lori Phillips, Interim City Clerk**