

CITY OF BROOKLET

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Nicky Gwinnett, Mayor Pro-Tem
Bradley Anderson, Councilman
Rebecca Kelly, Councilwoman
James Harrison, Councilman
Johnathan Graham, Councilman

City Attorney
Hugh Hunter

City Clerk
Lori Phillips

**WORK
SESSION
August 11, 2022
6:30 PM
MINUTES**

Members Present: Mayor Joe Grooms, III, Councilmembers Nicky Gwinnett, Brad Anderson, Johnathan Graham, and James Harrison. City Clerk Lori Phillips was absent.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Joe Grooms, III

2. INVOCATION: Mayor Joe Grooms, III

3. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Rebecca Kelly

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

AYES: Rebecca Kelly, Nicky Gwinnett, Brad Anderson, Johnathan Graham,
and James Harrison

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. BCDA - Currently we are charging the BCDA group and Kiwanis \$100.00 per month for the use of the community center. BCDA has a legitimate concern, they only meet once a month, whereas Kiwanis meets five times per month, therefore Councilwoman Kelly would like to only charge BCDA \$20.00 per month.

5.2. Peanut Festival – The Brooklet Peanut Festival will be September 17, 2022. They have been coordinating with the Chief of Police and they have been advised to follow the ordinance as to, submitting applications for permits and police security for the festival. The fee for them to use the community center will be the regular fee of \$2,800.00, since they have asked about the city gifting the \$1,500.00 to them, council agreed that they would consider discounting the amount of the rental by the \$1,500.00 which would make the total \$1,300.00. This first needs to be voted on at the city council meeting. Garbage cans can be rented from the city at \$10.00 per can, unless they have their own service and porta potties need to be provided.

5.3. FY 23 Budget – Councilman Graham based the budget on the ten-month plan because we are already two months into the budget so he subtracted the same amount that was already subtracted because we are doing it month to month, so he took the first two months out and did it on a ten-month basis. Councilwoman Kelly stated that we need a budget for a whole year. Councilman Graham said he will take what he has presented back and rework it. What he did to accommodate for the Police department raises was to subtract from each other budget that had a sizable amount to add to the police department to try to counter for what we had approved for the raises and for the coverage so what he did was give the police department budget a bump up to \$32,000.00 by taking away from other departments. Councilwoman Kelly and Councilman Anderson are concerned with what he deducted from and how much. Can the budgets that were cut from, sustain this? Administration cannot due to the city clerk's salary. We need to find ways to generate more revenue and the council needs to learn how to live within the budget. Our practices are shoddy and so is our behavior. Maybe we should sell a piece of city property, raise the mileage rate, take back raises, use the reserve, or raise fees.

5.4. Water system fittings and hydrants – Per Councilman Gwinnett, we have four hydrants that are leaking. He would like to be able to replace the two that are leaking the worst. Councilman Gwinnett would like up to \$8,000.00 for the hydrant repairs. Councilman Anderson suggested that he get quotes before approving one amount.

5.5. Well #3 site – Mayor Grooms has spoken to the pastor at the church about selling a piece of property to the city for well site #3. It has to go through the proper channels with the church before a decision is made.

5.6. Potential subdivision – Plans have begun for a new subdivision that will go on the property of 80.28 acres behind Subway and will have 238 new homes. They will need to rezone the property first before proceeding with the next steps.

5.7. Police contract for software upgrade to be paid for by the offender – This item will go on next week's agenda for approval.

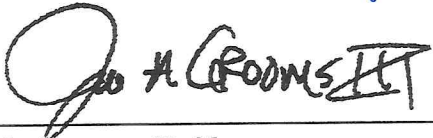
6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: Rebecca Kelly

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

AYES: Rebecca Kelly, Nicky Gwinnett, Brad Anderson, Johnathan Graham, and
James Harrison
NAYES: None
Motion carried 5-0

Approved this 15 day of September 2022



Joe A. Grooms, III, Mayor



Lori Phillips, City Clerk