

CITY OF BROOKLET

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Joe Grooms III, Mayor
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

City
Council
Meeting
August 18, 2022
7:00 PM
Minutes

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett
2. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE**

4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

5.1. **Iris Metzger** – West Lane Street has huge pot holes and they are becoming hard to dodge. She would like to see them repaired as soon as possible. Also, speed limit signs need to be put up, there is a lot of traffic on this road and it needs attention.

5.2. **Gilbert Howard** – Mr. Howard is requesting that his next-door neighbor

receive a code enforcement letter to cut her grass. The Chief stated that he will go by and talk to her.

- 5.3. Jim Stanoff** - On July 6th, we had a safety visit from GMA and we are in great shape. Currently, we do not have a policy on weapons in the work place and violence in the work place, therefore, that needs to be added. He also said any work done outside the city of Brooklet should be under a contract. The Police Department is in excellent condition as well as Public Works. Mr. Jim got approval for a camera for the sanitation truck and approval for an eye washing station for Public Works. Also, Mr. Jim met with a Georgia Power representative and they have locked the extra meter boxes at the community center and we should see a significant change in the bill next month. Mr. Jim will update us all on how much was saved by doing this.

6. COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATES

6.1. Gwinnett Seat 1, Pro-Tem

- Leak on Railroad has been repaired, we have one more spot to patch
- Cotton Gin Lane ditches have been graded, ready for paving
- Submit work orders if anything needs maintained

6.2. Anderson, Seat 2

- 2022 Mileage Rate – The digest grew ten million dollars; it looks like we will accept a roll back rate and it looks like Brooklet will gain around \$12,000.00 increase.

6.3. Kelly, Seat 3

- GMA list of City Managers

6.4. Harrison, Seat 4

- Has been in touch with GMA about trying to find funds for the PD.

6.5. Graham, Seat 5

- No reports

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1.** Establish a \$25.00 per meeting rate for BCDA to use a city owned facility.
- 7.2.** Approve the purchase from Consolidated Pipe in the amount of \$7,075.00 for hydrants and fittings at Cone/Lane.
- 7.3.** Approve the purchase from Core & Main in the amount of \$1,049.74 for hydrants and fittings at Cone/Lane.
- 7.4.** Approve a spending resolution authorizing the Clerk to expend up to one-twelfth of the FY 22 approved budget for September at the department level.
- 7.5.** Approve BCDA to utilize the City of Brooklet Community Center on Saturday, September 17, 2022 and Festival Grounds Friday and Saturday, September 16-17, 2022, for a total of \$2,800.00 with City Council waiving \$1,500 to support tourism to the city at the annual Peanut Festival.
- 7.6.** Authorize Mayor Grooms and Chief Roberts to enter into an upgrade contract that

may not to exceed 36 months, and is not automatically renewed, and contains a non- appropriation clause should funds not be appropriated the next fiscal year without penalty with Justice One for technology services for the Brooklet Police Department to be paid for out of PD Technology funds.

MOTION TO APPROVE

MOTION: Rebecca Kelly

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

8. DISCUSSION

8.1. Parking Ordinance – No discussion

8.2. FY 23 Budget – we do not have an approved budget for 2023; the spending exceeds the revenues therefore; we have a spending resolution limiting us to 1/12 of the budget until a the fy23 budget is approved.

8.3. City Hall staff coverage for Friday, August 19, 2022 -
City Hall will be closed for one whole day unless Mary the Court Clerk can fill in, she can be here to answer the phones and write receipts.

8.4. GDOT Grant Discussion for Cromley Road Project – Councilman Kelly found a grant that is for drainage enhancement and sidewalks, we have asked Wesley Parker to apply for the grant. If we get approved, we will have to wait 2 -3 years before moving forward.

8.5. City Manager – Councilwoman Kelly has a list of City Managers; the first thing we need to do is change the charter. A City Manager can help us with the grants and monthly financials. Add this item for discussion at the next work session.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION: James Harrison

SECOND: Brad Anderson


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