



CITY OF BROOKLET

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Bradley Anderson, Councilman
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James Harrison, Councilman
Johnathan Graham, Councilman

City Attorney
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City Clerk
Lori Phillips

**CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2022
7:00 PM**

- 1. Call to order and welcome - Mayor Grooms, III**
 - a. Invocation
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag - Mayor Grooms, III**
- 3. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

MOTION: Rebecca Kelly
SECOND: Brad Anderson
AYES: Nicky Gwinnett, James Harrison, Johnathan Graham, Rebecca Kelly, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 5-0
- 4. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Minutes of the following City Council Meetings:**
 - a. February 10, 2022 Work Session
 - b. February 17, 2022 City Council meeting

MOTION: Brad Anderson
SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett
AYES: Nicky Gwinnett, James Harrison, Johnathan Graham, Rebecca Kelly, and Brad Anderson
NAYES: None
Motion carried 5-0
- 5. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the February Financial Reports as presented**

MOTION: Brad Anderson

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

6. Recognition of guest

- a. David Edwards (US Military Vets MC) - Brooklet Cemetery participation in Wreaths across America. *(ABSENT)*
- b. Andy Hart with Bulloch Gin was present to present the signed agreement as long as a check for one hundred and forty thousand dollars \$140,000.00 for the Gin Lane Road paving project.
- c. Wesley Parker (Parker Engineering) - Water Sewer Infrastructure Grant
Water and sewer project from Brooklet to Statesboro.
Proposed 10' inch line connecting Brooklet to Statesboro with a pumping station somewhere in the city of Brooklet, maybe a secondary location like the scout hut.
At the end of this project, this is a 50/50 project, 50% Brooklet, 50% American Recovery, you will have one very large lift station with large pumps capable of pumping sewage five (5) miles and lifting it approximately 30 to 40 feet in elevation to Brooklet and Statesboro plus the depth of the wet well which will be another 20 feet and it will be able to lift sewage 60 feet and pump it roughly five miles, you won't have anyone connected. This project is just the infrastructure to get it there but from that point on, then you will to start constructing outwards and none of that is funded, so its just the bones, the structure is what is funded and from that part you have to figure out what is the cities priority, which area do you want to serve first or do you want to focus on new areas. By the year 2026 the project needs to be completed. Wesley Parker recommends putting together a negotiating team together in order to negotiate with the City of Brooklet.

7. Public Comments (Agenda Item; *each speaker will be given 2 minutes during public comment*)

- a. Gilbert Howard - Concerns about what should take place if our pet ordinance is put into place and enforced, what will intel with the city council and what t will intel with the police department.
- b. James Holloway - Raising water rates vs. raising city taxes discussion.
The water rates are not increasing at this time.

8. Reports from committee members

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Gwinnett
 - The generator is in place and installed at well# 2, currently we are waiting for the fence to be installed.
 - We have started on the ditch cleaning project.
- b. Councilman Anderson

- For the next 3 to 4 months, we really need to spend what only we should be spending. We need to be cautious and mindful.
- c. Councilwoman Kelly
 - The gazebo has been repaired and looks very nice.
 - The landscaping project will be on hold until further notice.
- d. Councilman Harrison
 - Has been reviewing the police budget and is currently working on what areas can be approved.
- e. Councilman Graham
 - Safety Report conducted by Jim Stanoff. Mr. Stanoff has completed the safety meeting certified classes and he will be following through with the safety standards for all departments. He would like everyone to remember the no smoking policy for each department and in all city vehicles. He and Mr. Graham will be going around the city noting street signs that need to be replaced. They will also be doing street inspections and has asked that if anyone sees a sidewalk or street that needs to be repaired to please let them know or city hall.

9. Report from Police Chief

- a. Gary M. Roberts
 - The PD is fully staffed.
 - Introduced the new officer, Brandy Hewitt.
 - Gave the monthly PD report.

10. Report from City Marshall

- a. Bobbie Hoch (*Absent*)

11. Consent agenda

- a. Consideration of a motion to approve the quote received from Durden's Rental & Service Center, Inc. for the purchase of a pressure washer for Public Works in the amount of \$1,014.00.
- b. Consideration of a motion to approve the hire of a part-time/temporary Office Assistant Elizabeth Tippet, for City Hall at \$12.00 per hour to begin March 21, 2022.
- c. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the residential sewer rate table as follows effective May 1, 2022:

Proposed Base Rate		Current Base Rate	
0-6000	\$25.00	5000	\$7.80
6001-12000	\$2.00	5000	\$2.28
12001-18000	\$3.00	5000	\$2.60
18001and up	\$4.00	5000	\$2.93
		5000	\$3.25
		30000	\$3.58
		9999999	\$3.90

- d. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the water reconnect fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 effective May 1, 2022.
- e. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the account establishment fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00 effective May 1, 2022.
- f. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the tap-in fees from \$600.00 to \$1,400.00 effective May 1, 2022.
- g. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the residential garbage fee from \$16.00 to \$18.00 effective May 1, 2022.
- h. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the commercial garbage fee from \$19.75 to \$25.00 effective May 1, 2022.
- i. Consideration of a motion to approve increasing the out-of-town garbage fee from \$16.00 to \$25.00 effective May 1, 2022.
- j. Consideration of a motion to approve the Rules of Decorum to be added to the agendas.
- k. Consideration of a motion to approve appointing the new Planning and Zoning members as follows:
 - Bill Griffith - Chairman
 - Lori Phillips - Planning and Zoning Administrator
 - Chris Schneider
 - Edward DiNello
 - Greg Schlierf
 - Jim Stanoff - Vice Chairman

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION: Brad Anderson

SECOND: Johnathan Graham

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

12. Other Business from City Council

- a. Consideration of a motion to approve the bid from Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$377,355.20 for the Gin Lane Improvements Project (PE20181).

MOTION TO APPROVE AND TO BE PAID FROM T-SPLOST.

MOTION: Nicky Gwinnett

SECOND: James Harrison

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

13. Consideration of a Motion to adjourn

MOTION: Rebecca Kelly

SECOND: Nicky Gwinnett

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried 5-0

Approved this _____ day of _____, _____.

Joe A. Grooms, III, Mayor

Lori Phillips, City Clerk