**The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Thomas absent.**

**Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM North made a motion to approve minutes. Second was made by CM Girard. Motion carried.**

**Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. CM Hasser moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling $229,339.51 unanimously approved.**

**New Business:**

**Pres. Butz announced holding off on putting pavement next to Hardware Store. Nipsco will need to run another gas line in the spring and it will run through where the new parking spaces will go in and not wanting to waste money on blacktopping. Right now Town will put gravel in for parking.**

**Pres. Butz asked Council if they are ok with him meeting Carroll White REMC on asking for another extension on agreement. Council said yes.**

**Pres. Butz reports: need variance for fence on lot next to Town Hall and new fire station. Eng. Ken Smith taking care of them. Eng. Ken said meeting for variances is November 17th at 6:00 p.m if anyone would like to go. He will be there. Ballpark project is almost done, down to last 30 feet. Asked Emmett to report on projects going on. The Waugh garage is in worse shape then what they thought it was due to termite damage. The lower west side wall needs to be reframed, waiting on the metal. Emmett said after ball park done, Doug Bunch will pour the concrete on lot next to Town Hall. Once variances approved fence to be put in early winter or spring. Paving to start Friday on 5th, 6th, fire station, S. South St, N. Prairie St. Not sure which street they will start on first. CM Hasser asked if there were any live termites. Emmett said no.**

**Pres. Butz announced Tyler did not pass the water test. This is his 3rd time taking it and Pres. Butz said Town shouldn’t pay to send him again. Emmett has applied to take the test. Something needs to be done by January 1st. If not then need to have a discussion. CM Hasser asked what Tyler’s scores were. He got 60% in Water distribution and 40% in Water Treatment. Need to pass with 70% each test.**

**Pres. Butz announced last IMPA meeting Terry LaOrange attended; IMPA proposed an 8 ½ rate increase on wholesale and was approved. It’s best to a cost of service study. Increase is mainly due rising cost of solar power.**

**Old Business:**

**Water surcharge ordinance was presented for approval. VP North made a motion to approve and sign Ordinance #17-2022 Amending the Water Utility Service Surcharge for $3.00 increase. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.**

**CM Hasser presented the proposed vacation and PTO for employee handbook. New employee gets 5 days PTO after 90 day’s probation. After 6 months employment 1 week vacation. New employee will be able to carry any PTO to next year to be used before their 1 year anniversary date. This only pertains to new employees in their first year. Council approved the new vacation and PTO proposal CM Hasser presented. Information for the vacation and PTO will be listed in the employee handbook.**

 **Emmett Reports: Hydrants have been flushed. Hadn’t had any issues with tower mixer since been turned back on. Will need to replace the breaker for it. Pres. Butz asked if an indicator light could be installed on the Tower above the door. This way the light can be seen if mixer is on or off.**

**CM Hasser asked if the 4th field at baseball is still going to be built. Answer was it has already been built and there are 2 trees that need to be removed at field. Also there is a flag there that is torn and in shreds. Clerk-Treasurer will call the ball organization president and ask him to remove it.**

**VP North asked Emmett if he checked the lights at Casey’s parking lot. Emmett said he checked the timer and there are 2 bulbs that are out and will be replaced.**

**Eng. Ken Smith reports: told Clerk-Treasurer once she receives invoice for the railroad crossing paving markings let him know and he will submit to INDOT for reimbursement.**

**Terry LaOrange reports: Pole testing done.**

**Fire Chief Jason reports: None**

**Marshal Yeoman report: Patrolled 446 miles; 1 case report; 1 crash reports; 1 domestic dispute; 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 1 juvenile complaint; 1 criminal history investigation; 12 other police services. Asked if there is a manual light switch available for baseball park lights to where if need lights on then it can be turned on and not have to wait for someone to come and turn them on. Emmett said yes. Evan Morrow, a White County Deputy Marshal is interested in the part time position for Brookston. His wife had a baby and once maternity leave is over Marshal Yeoman will interview him. Deputy Aaron Page is willing to take on extra hours to help out until position is filled. Deputy Glover is still at the academy and he will be done in December. Marshal Yeoman will be doing Evok training tomorrow and Saturday he has firearms. Will be taking 2 days of vacation next week.**

**There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.**

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**