**The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with VP North absent.**

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

**Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. Pres. Butz moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Girard. The bills totaling $131,114.18 unanimously approved.**

**Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget. No attendees.**

**Old Business:**

**Pres. Butz mentioned CM Hasser wanted to discuss the demolition grant for the lot next to Town Hall. Pres. Butz said he reached out to Eng. Ken and he (Ken) said the cost to hire a Grant Administrator and Town cost would be more then the grant itself. It would be cheaper to go ahead and hire contractor to do the work. At the August 24th meeting Council had approved to go with Doug Bunch to do the work.**

**New Business:**

**Pres. Butz asked Clerk-Treasurer on water rates. The goal was to wait, but losing money in the water. Option is to do rate increase or flat 3.00 on surcharge. Easiest to do the flat fee of 3.00 and evaluate again. Will get a hydrant rental of $28,000.00 transfer in December to be added as revenue. Supervisor Emmett announced the sludge at wastewater is full and will need to haul away.**

**Steve Morgan would like to have a dog tree planted at Walk Park for a plaque of his dog. Superintendent Emmett said there are 2 dead trees that need to taken out and can replace with new trees. CM Thomas made a motion for the tree for dog plaques. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.**

**Lot next to Town Hall to install post before pouring the concrete in, and then put up a black fence next spring. Will get quotes for fence.**

**Pres. Butz met with Area Plan Director Joe Rogers for plot setbacks. Will need to get a variance for the lot next to Town Hall. Also need to decide on closed street on 1st St next to Sids Body Shop. 2 options take 30 feet of street or use it as driveway for fire station. Atty. George Loy checked on the parcels for the property.**

**Town was awarded the fire station grant for $500,000.00. Should receive the agreement to be signed within 2-3 weeks. Pres. Butz notified all the commissioners of the grant award.**

**Tyler did not pass his water test and has resubmitted to take it again. Pres. Butz mentioned he should concentrate on one test at a time. Emmett is to also take the test. They need to be certified by December 2022.**

**Discussion on new employee handbook. CM Ralph will make changes. Council did approve bereavement leave for spouse, parent, children, step children, brother, sister, or other member of household from 3 working days off with pay to 5 working days off with pay. 25.00 per meal if trainings do not offer meals. CM Hasser feels social media for Town should go through Clerk-Treasurer. CM Hasser cleaned up the language on earned vacation for new hired full time employees. Along with other changes. Council will review once all changes are done for approval.**

**Pres. Butz asked Superintendent Emmett to go around Town streets to what areas need patching. Council to report any areas they see that needs patching also. The sidewalk along Railroad Street between Waugh Park and Jeffries Insurance, the squares where the trees were removed need filled with concrete. Can do them when doing the street patching.**

**Pres. Butz met with Eng. Ken Smith to discussed long term projects and ones being planned for water and wastewater.**

**Clerk-Treasurer asked Atty. George Loy if need to advertise the additional appropriation first before Council approval. Atty. George Loy said yes 10 days before meeting.**

**Atty. George Loy mentioned the fence on Kolb and 5th St should have agreement for the Town did not give them the property of their fence encroaching on Town right of ways. If owner sells then any new owner of the property will need to attend Council meeting to ask for approval of the same agreement.**

**CM Girard announced Krintz will be installing 67 more bricks tomorrow and will put a seal over all bricks before the festival to protect them. Last order for bricks will be October 3rd and they will be put in next spring. Need 30 bricks for Krintz to put in free of charge.**

**Clerk-Treasurer asked Atty. George Loy what to do with the tax impact statement received from White County Auditor Gayle Rogers. He said just file it and he and Max Eldridge will meet with Area Plan Commissioners on October 11, 2022 then on October 12th back to Town Council to be approved then back to redevelopment commission to hold a public hearing.**

**Pres. Butz presented a picture of the bleachers to be purchased for Ball Park. Clerk-Treasurer will order them.**

**Received letter from IDEM if need chlorine should order now for it could be hard to get when needed.**

**Eng. Ken Smith reports: None**

**Emmett Reports: asked for 3 quotes for the Waugh garage and received back 1 quote from Rigo’s for $18,000.00 to reside, replace sliding door and many repairs. Will bring sample colors for siding. CM Hasser made a motion to accept Rigo’s quote. Second by CM Thomas. CM Girard feels need another quote. Motion is 3-1 to accept Rigo’s.**

**Terry LaOrange reports: pole testing will start September 26th. Clerk-Treasurer will send out on alert week before.**

**Fire Chief Jason reports: electric bill board signs to slow down for festival will be placed tomorrow.**

**Marshal Yeoman report: Patrolled 875 miles; 2 case reports; 1 animal complaint; 1 domestic dispute; 1 disturbance; 2 traffic complaints; 1 criminal arrests; 4 traffic warnings; 4 traffic stops; 1 criminal history invest; 1 gun permit; 1 ordinance violation; 3 follow-up ordinance violations; 36 other police services. Will have one way streets like they did for fireworks. CM Girard asked if any word on Melissa. Marshal said it’s in the prosecutor’s hands.**

**Superintendent Emmett mentioned service line low by the senior housing on Clawil Street. Will replace poles to be higher. Poles at wastewater are old will cost $3500.00 to put in prop poles.**

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

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**