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

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. CM Thomas made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM Eldridge. Motion carried.

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Register Form. There were two registers, one for ending 2025 and regular 2026 meeting register. VP Girard moved to pay bills listed on the 2025 and regular Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Thomas. The bills totaling \$180,011.96 Unanimously approved.

New/Old Business:

Contractors Application #3 from Dashiell Contracting was presented for approval. CM Eldridge made a motion to approve application #3. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous.

K-IRPC invoice for grant administration fee for Brookston Water Improvement Project-WW-23-116 for approval. CM Thomas made a motion to approve K-IRPC invoice. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous.

Smoking Ordinance was presented. Atty. Rebecca said State law does not cover smoking in vehicles. This ordinance will cover the non-smoking in vehicles. If approved this will be Ordinance #1-2026. VP Girard made a motion to approve ordinance #1-2026. Second by CM Eldridge. Motion unanimous.

Parking Ordinance was presented. This ordinance is in place if having a continuous issue at the same location. If approved this will be ordinance #2-2026. CM Eldridge made a motion to approve Ordinance #2-2026. Second by CM Thomas. Motion unanimous.

Eng. Ken reports: pre-bid meeting for paving tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Spoke to INDOT on changes. They said no will do the original. Asked Council about the letters for Joe Butz Memorial Pickleball Court if they wanted letters that mount directly on the brick or wooden backing behind them. Council said directly on the bricks.

Terry LaOrange reports: not much going on. They started the new pole for the airbrake at 4th and Ripley St. Did as much as they could and stopped due to weather. Will come back to finish. CM Eldridge asked if he (Terry) found out what was going on at the sub-station. Terry said he did not. He did ask a person and they did not know.

Fire Chief reports: presented a sign they are putting up at the fire station saying Tobacco Free Workplace. They just don't want no smoking they also do not want chewing tobacco falling on floors. VP Girard asked how did the new floors turn out. Jason said so much better.

Supt. Emmett reports: sewer going good. Two of the four water filters back on line. Artesian will be back on the 19th to do the other two filters. Monday the hydrants were delivered. Waiting on the valves which are 2 weeks out. F&K working on the last crossing at 1st St. Cost less then expected due to no line needing to run from 1st St going north on SR 43 and 18 West. Theres a roadblock on finishing 1st St unable to find a fiber optic line. Can not move forward until that is found. Northwest of Town will be without water for a short period of time when they are ready to put the line in. Yesterday Tim went to the State Building in Indianapolis to look over his DSS test to get it overturned. It was successful. Will send application next for the WT-3 test. On the 7th had a water main leak at the dead end of South St. REMC took down the Christmas lights. On the 8th had a single home power outage from a tree falling on the weather head. Just had a partial outage just before coming to the meeting. Next week will be starting on the new street sign replacements. Will start west side of Town first. VP Girard asked about leaf vac put away on his 2-week sheet when there are a lot of leaves left out. Supt. Emmett said they will get them picked

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up in spring. Winter snow came earlier then expected to finish leaf pick-up. Supt. Emmett said globe on decorative pole by parking lot on railroad St. fell and broke will get a replacement. CM Eldridge asked if the media in the aerator at the water plant getting fixed. Emmett said yes, it's getting re-done. VP Girard asked about the bathroom at the ballpark. In the spring he will work on putting epoxy on the floor. Supt. Emmett is working with Joe Lamson on getting power to the score board located between fields 1 & 2.

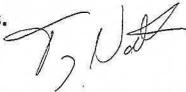
Eng. Ken mentioned now the deficiency on the report have to have a valve exercise program maintenance. Ken will get a valve machine.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 458 miles; Medical assist; Alarm at Casey's; Reckless driver reported/attempted to locate; Assisted County with death investigation; Assist with crash investigation; 2025 Completed training has been entered for the Academy records. Next training event will be the Indiana Drug Enforcement Training Conference in February. He may have under estimated the cost for lights to be put on the new police vehicle. He doesn't need to purchase lights for he has lights he can use and he will work with his budget to keep cost down. Jim Bolen asked him during the construction if no parking on the east side of Railroad St. between 4th and 7th St. when picking up children at the school. There will be more traffic coming through and going down Railroad St. After talking to Jim Bolen, he (Jim) thought State or Construction will provide the no parking signs. Council said yes. VP Girard mentioned not receiving a schedule. Reason was since it's just him and one deputy, he does shifts during the evenings 3:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Mon-Fri and his deputy works Saturday and Sunday 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. He will send them again.

VP Girard asked about cost on updating lights on St Rd 43 and drawings for extension to the ballpark bathroom. Eng. Ken will get pricing for both.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.




Clerk-Treasurer