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

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

Bills were examined on the Accounts Payable Register Form. VP Girard moved to pay bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by CM Eldridge. The bills totaling \$153,576.99 Unanimously approved.

Brianna with White County Area Plan was present for 2 amendments A87 and A88. A87 is a proposal to amend the zoning districts to which an Industrial Waste Facility may be located from a I-2 to I-1. If approved this will be Ordinance #3-2026. CM Hasser asked if this is more restricted. Brianna said no they are both similar the main difference has to go through the BZA for approval. VP Girard made a motion to approve Ordinance 3-2026 A87. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. A88 is a proposal to amend the current standards for Light and Heavy Industrial (I-1 and I-2) parking lot surface standards if located outside of a municipality. If approved this will be Ordinance #4-2026. CM Hasser made a motion to approve Ordinance #3-2026 A88. Second by CM Eldridge. Motion unanimous.

New/Old Business:

Pres. North asked Eng Ken to explained Reith Reiley's low paving bid. Eng. Ken asked Noah why their bid was so low and the answer was since they (Reith Riley) were already going to be Town on the SR 43 project so that is why bid was low. If Town accepts the low bid will need to sign form 96 and contract that was presented tonight. CM Hasser asked if the 80% from bid is what Town will receive from grant. Eng. Ken said yes. CM Hasser asked if the list of sidewalks can be included with the extra money left from the original approved grant. Eng. Ken said no. Can do some sidewalks from extra money from the local match not being used. CM Eldridge made a motion to accept lowest bid from Reith Riley. Second by VP Girard. Motion unanimous.

Eng. Ken reports: YouTube internet connection is out for live stream. Is recording the meeting to upload on YouTube site. Will be a water progress meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. F&K will get cost of the SR 43 for Town to send into INDOT for reimbursement of \$165,000.00.

Terry LaOrange reports: None

Fire Chief reports: presented a quote of \$6058.20 for sensit test. Clerk-Treasurer asked if Town is to pay ½ of cost of the \$6,058.20 which is \$3029.10. Fire Chief Jason said yes. CM Eldridge made a motion to pay ½ cost. Second by CM Hasser.

Supt. Emmett reports: Wastewater going good. Water plant going good. All filters are done and ready as soon as the bacteria test come back and ok. Pres. North asked if the filters will help with the brown water. Supt. Emmett said yes, they will. Pres. North asked if different media. Supt. Emmett said no it's the same. On the 21st F&K finished the water line relocate on SR 43. Had 2 service line leaks. The Other Place and Daves Computer World. The leaks are on Town side before the meter in their basements. Will need to get Accu dig in to dig at line to repair at Daves Computer store and Jack from The Other Place is having someone repairing plumbing inside his bar and will have them go ahead and fix line before the meter and will bill the Town for reimbursement. CM Hasser asked when repairing the leak will a meter be put outside and Supt. Emmett said no there is no room. Pres. North suggested the Town pay the bill directly to avoid Jack of The Other Place from getting a 1099. Supt. Emmett will let him know. The breaker pole on Ripley is completed. CM Hasser mentioned he (Supt. Emmett) had a plow on his list to be repaired. Yes, it's the old plow that is about 9 years old and will have it looked at. CM Eldridge asked if Pfas being done. Supt. Emmett said no not yet. CM Eldridge asked if it is required. Supt. Emmett said no not at this time. CM Eldridge saw it

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needs to be registered by June. Tim will be attending the spring Alliance Conference in March. CM Eldridge asked Supt. Emmett to ask Scott Robinson to attend 3-4 meetings during the year to give them an update on the wastewater plant.

Marshall Yeoman reports: Patrolled 435 miles; did a well-being check; traffic crash; check person; bank alarm; disabled vehicle; alarm at ConAgra; alarm at Leman's Consulting; Mental subjectx4, domestic; 4 traffic stops; not much since the cold. Update on the new vehicle- fire at the aluminum plant has slowed down production so will not get the new police vehicle as expected. May have to also change the color. Would like to add on a full-time officer and if the Council would be ok with him putting together a cost to have a full-time officer. Council said yes and will see if it will fit into the budget. Marshal Yeoman will get with the Clerk-Treasurer on the cost.

Clerk-Treasurer reports: Artesian is being sent for draw #2 for water project. Annual Appointment of the TIF Board. Pres. North mentioned the members right now are Max Eldridge, Casey North, Regina Berryman, Linda Hurst, Scott Culver. VP Girard asked if all members are residents of Brookston. Pres. North said yes. VP Girard asked if Casey is a registered voter of white county and resident thought he was in Fowler or Flora. Pres. North said no he has been living with him. Pres. North nominated Casey North, Regina Berryman and Linda Hurst. CM Hasser nominated Max Eldridge and Scott Culver. David Rosenbarger to represent for the school. Clerk-Treasurer had a list of deceased and bankruptcy utility accounts past due to be written off. CM Eldridge made a motion to write off the utility accounts. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous. Ordered 6 picnic tables for the Wood St Park pavilion and already delivered.

Supt. Emmett mentioned the extreme cold with the snow has collected on the roof over the conference room of the fire station and when it melts water runs inside the building.

There being no further business, Meeting to be adjourned.

Pres.




Clerk-Treasurer