**The Brookston Town Council met in regular session with CM Thomas absent and including Pres. Butz by Zoom.**

**Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with VP North asking Clerk-Treasurer a question regarding ordering Christmas decorations. Clerk-Treasurer will not order anything till approved by Council Members. CM Hasser made a motion to approve minutes as read. Second was made by CM North. Motion carried.**

**Bills were examined on the Payable Voucher Form. VP North asked about the mower payment of $15,000.00 coming out of mower/parking lot. Clerk-Treasurer announced when budgeting Pres. Butz put it as mower/parking lot. If money left over from mower then rest of budget money can be spent towards Town parking lot. The mower took all funds. When doing the parking lot, will need to take out of other funds or utilities. Also asked Supervisor Emmett if hiring out for all leak repairs. Supervisor Emmett says just on main breaks and Town employee will take care of lateral breaks. CM North moved to pay the bills listed on the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Second was made by Pres. Butz. The bills totaling $187,955.47. Unanimously approved.**

**New Business/Old Business:**

**Yeoman gave police report: Patrolled 1205 miles; 1 case report; 1 domestic dispute; 1 vin check; 1 disturbance; 3 traffic complaints;, 1 traffic warning; 1 traffic stop; 7 other police services. He and Deputy Tyyon finished the IDEA Conference. The trailer that burned on Wood St will be demolished next weekend and will rebuild or put in modular.**

**Supervisor Emmett reports: Presented his past 2 weeks and next 2 weeks report. Read meters and picnic tables are done and back at pavilion at Ball Park. Received new mower yesterday. Council said he would need to ask for 3 quotes for projects to be done on ball bathrooms, Waugh building, tennis courts, parking lot light poles and parking lot stripping and sealing. Also checking on office hallway floor and pavilion roof at Ball Park.**

**Terry LaOrange reports materials are here for the new breaker and hope to be put in 3 weeks.**

**Jason Sanders fire chief will get phone numbers for Eng. Ken for donations for fire station. Also asked if any more donations have come in. Clerk-Treasurer said Casey’s will be sending a $500.00 donation.**

**Pres. Butz announced Supt. Josh will be stepping down his Superintendent position and doing water, wastewater and electric. CM Girard made a motion to accept his resignation starting 3-9-22. Second by VP North motion approved.**

**Pres. Butz announced needing to replace superintendent. Whether it be someone in house or advertise to accept applications. Pres. Butz made a motion to hire Supervisor Emmett Olis-Cartmell on 6 month probation, then evaluate and vote whether to offer the Superintendent position. Second motion by VP North. Vote became 2-2. The motion does not pass. Clerk-Treasurer to break tie. Clerk-Treasurer abstains her vote. Pres. Butz then suggested Emmett to be a temporary acting superintendent till all members are present to vote. CM Girard made a motion for Emmett to be acting superintendent. Second by VP North. Motion unanimous. Atty. George Loy said to be clear on zoom meetings. Can do 2 consecutive attendance meetings to be able to vote, then can do zoom meeting after but cannot vote.**

**Discussion on tables for Wood St Park. Pres. Butz asked Clerk-Treasurer how much is in Wood St Fund. Clerk-Treasurer said there is $4,483.00. Clerk-Treasurer will check price on tables like the ones at gazebo along with shipping price and how long it will take to receive them and bring back to council to decide. Supervisor Emmett said the ones at gazebo are holding up well and they sit out all year round.**

**Pres. Butz announced the summer ball league would like to add another small field and they will pay the cost and would also like electric line for pitching machine. Council approved ball league to put in field and Town will furnish electric line to the field. Clerk-Treasurer asked if they need to sign agreement every year. Council and Atty. George Loy said yes.**

**CM Girard said the salary ordinance would need to be changed since Josh is no longer Superintendent and his hourly rate to be $2.00 less and make sure his phone reimbursement is $25.00. Clerk-Treasurer said yes she will do both and salary ordinance to be signed next meeting. She will take him out of Superintendent Pay and he will be out of lights, water and sewer. Also Emmett’s phone reimbursement to go to $50.00 a month.**

**CM Girard presented the updated drawing Eng. Ken did on walkway at Waugh Pocket Park and if she can ask for 3 bids. Pres. Butz asked if Rotary was doing anything. CM Girard said no, they only sold bricks and gave Town around $3,500.00. Pres. Butz asked if she would like Eng. Ken Smith to make bid package. CM Girard said yes that would be fine. Pres. Butz will talk to Eng. Ken Smith. CM Girard said Rock & Dirt is donating their time for the excavating.**

**VP North reports grant meeting with KIRPC, Gerry White from State, Eng. Ken Smith and Clerk-Treasurer regarding why Town did not get fire station grant. It had to do with SAMS Registration, which Eng. Ken and Clerk-Treasurer did update but something went wrong. Clerk-Treasurer did re-submit for SAM’s registration and made calls to make sure Town was active and it is. VP North also said Town had enough points and was good there.**

**Old Business:**

**Atty. George Loy presented an ordinance for IDEM Back Flow Preventer. This is second reading if approved this would be Ordinance #5-2022. CM North made a motion to approve Ordinance #5-2022 as presented. Second by CM Hasser. Motion unanimous.**

**CM Girard asked if heard anything on Dollar General. Pres. Butz said no. Joe Rogers, Area Plan Director will be attending a board meeting either on March 23rd or first meeting of April to give information. CM Hasser will check to see what dates of any zoning hearings for this month.**

**CM Girard asked if anyone knows what’s going on with the new liquor store. Pres. Butz said he was told they had to stop for they had no permits.**

**Clerk-Treasurer received quote from Foreman Blasters on fireworks for 2022. The quote is for 11,000.00 to be paid before March 20th to receive the discount from regular price $13,000.00. The discounted price is the same as last year. CM Hasser made a motion to pay in advance of $11,000.00. Second by CM Girard. Motion unanimous.**

**Clerk-Treasurer announced the insurance claim on the manhole damage to vehicle has been resolved. Town insurance negotiates with other insurance company to pay $1500.00 from the claim of $3,388.57 and court date canceled.**

**Pres. Butz announced doing something about the bad water in Town. He will get with Eng. Ken Smith to help get information of what needs to be done and price of getting the Town water back to being good again.**

**Clerk-Treasurer will be gone at next meeting.**

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

**Pres. Clerk-Treasurer**