TOWN OF BROOKSIDE Budget Hearing and Regular Town Board Meeting

December 10, 2024, 7:00 PM

Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge: Mayor Arlin Bolkema opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Present: Mayor Arlin Bolkema, Board Members John Grooms, Kim DiOrio, Jana Schutte and Cloyce Mann; Town Clerk Shelby Mehring and 3 community members.

Approval of Minutes, Agenda and LOEs: Trustee DiOrio made the motion to accept the minutes from November 12 ,2024 meeting. Trustee Grooms Second the Motion. The Motion passed with six AYES. Trustee Schutte made the motion to accept the agenda. Trustee Mann second the motion. The motion passed with six AYES. Trustee Mann made the motion to accept the General fund LOE trustee Grooms second the motion. The motion passed with six AYES. Trustee Mann made the motion to accept the Water fund LOE Trustee Grooms second the motion. The motion passed with six AYES.

Water Enterprise Report: 3@ 2 Month 1@3 Months Shut of was sent with water bill.

Community Center: Month of December 3 with 2 complete

Volunteer Hours Recorded: John Grooms 2h (more will be added next meeting)

Meetings:

* 1. Board Workshop: Tuesday, December 24, 2024 @ 7:00 (Christmas eve) Has been Cancelled
  2. Office will be closed 24 and 25 for Christmas
  3. Office will be closed 31 and January 1 Happy New Year
  4. Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

**Public hearing for the 2025 budget**

1. Resolution 08-24 Certifying the 2025 mill leavy Trustee Schutte made the motion to approve resolution 08-24 certifying the 2025 mill leavy. Trustee Mann second the motion and the motion passed with six Ayes
2. Resolution 09-24 adopting the 2025 Budget. Trustee Mann made the motion to adopt Resolution 09-24 adopting the 2025 budget. Trustee Grooms seconded the motion. Motion passed with six Ayes.

**Citizen’s request to speak**

Jerrie McFadyen would like to donate a ponderosa pine tree to the spring creek park in the spring and suggests that it will be planted by the bridge and creek so it can get water from the creek. The board unanimously agreed that it would be a wonderful donation. Trustee DiOrio would also like to donate a blue pine and suggested that we celebrate earth day and have a community event.

**Old Business:**

1. Banner for the Community center rental.
   1. Trustee Grooms spoke with the Schusters’ Painting company. They have the option to make a thick plastic sign. The board unanimously agreed to purchase the 8’ by 2’ t board sign at the approximate cost of $119
2. Sunflower DC
   1. Mayor Bolkema successfully invested the funds from Pueblo Bank and trust and into the CD at Sunflower bank with an interest rate of 4.3% for 6 months.
   2. The clerk is instructed to create a resolution ensuring that it will take two signers to access the funds.

**New Business:**

1. Meetings and Holiday dates: With the fix of 2024 on the list for meeting dates the consensus of the board is to keep all meeting dates as is and we will change and cancel if we need to. The Holiday dates have been accepted as well with the inclusion of the office being closed due to the Clerk being out of town in February.
2. Hamilton Subdivision: there was a meeting with Trustee grooms, Mayor Bolkema Clerk and Matt to discuss the possibility of subdividing Hamilton’s property by the town’s water tank. The main concerns where water tap availability and the possibility of increased traffic if they decide to build another house. The board unanimously agreed to allow them to move forward with the process.
3. Arpa project- Gravel and Huling: Due to the fast-approaching deadline of having all the funds from the covid fund needing to be delegated to projects by the end of the year and with the remainder of roughly $1,800 the board has decided to make the project be hulling of road base to maintain the roads.
4. Rev plan with CRW: The clerk and Mayor Bolkema had a meeting with Josia Thomas with Colorado Rual water about the Deb Service account and found about a free program that will help decide what Brookside should be charging on the water bills.
5. Resolution 10-24: Resolution to adopt the new fee schedule. With the removal of demo permits Trustee Mann made a motion to adopt Resolution 10- 24 fee schedule. Trustee Grooms seconded the motion the motion passed with six Ayes

Adjournment: Trustee Schutte Motion to adjourn, 2nd by Trustee Mann seconded the motion. Motion passed with six AYES at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Shelby Mehring, Town Clerk