



TOWN OF BRIGHTON

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BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN MEETING

MARCH 12, 2019

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sarah Crocker at 7:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Ms. Ann Blackmon gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present

Sarah Crocker, Mayor
Stephanie Chapman-Washam, Alderwoman
Shane Greer, Alderman
Kenny Hall, Alderman
George Smith, Alderman

Absent

Others Attending:

Tammy McKinney, Town Recorder
Blaine Max, Brighton Police Sergeant
Doylen Baskin, Brighton Police Dept
Ricky Russell, Brighton Fire Chief
Johnathon Briles, Public Works Director
David Braden, Poplar Grove Utility
M.O. Eckel, III, Town Attorney
Aubrey Foreman, Public Works Department
Lauren Raynor-McDaniel, Town Judge

Guests: Ann Blackmon, 164 Shady Lane, Brighton, TN; Sarah Brown, The Leader; Gus Smith, 147 Phillips Dr., Brighton, TN; Jack Baker, 1464 Brighton Clopton Rd, Brighton, TN; Jeremy Edwards, 1678 Liberty Church Smith Rd, Brighton, TN; Kenny Campbell, 819 Marshall Rd, Brighton, TN; Carol Anderson, 390 E Kenwood, Brighton, TN; Joe and Wanda Thomason, 520 Wylie Drive; Brighton, TN; Heather Hill, 148 Gladman St, Brighton, TN; Danny and Lindsey Jackson, 24 Roseland Lane, Brighton, TN; Troop 13018, 249 Sterling Ridge Dr, Atoka, TN; Alice Wakefield, 33 Huffman, Brighton, TN;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Approval: Special Called Meeting February 11, 2019
Regular Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting February 12, 2019
Public Meeting February 27, 2019

Alderman Greer requested that on the Special Called Meeting on February 11, 2019 needs to be changed to reference that the meeting was called by Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel. Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel denied that statement. Mayor Crocker said she thought that she actually called the meeting. The minutes will be changed to say “The Mayor requested”.

Alderman Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Smith. All approved. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT/PAYMENT OF BILLS

The financial report was presented. Alderwoman Chapman-Washam made a motion to approve the Town’s bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hall. All approved. Motion carried.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUESTS

Carol Anderson, 390 E Kenwood

Ms. Anderson requested an update from last month concerning the flooding on her property. Johnathon Briles, Public Works Director, replied that the house being built across the street has not caused more water to flow unto her property. Mr. Braden, Poplar Grove Utility, said the culvert that comes underneath the road is larger than the one located under her driveway. He believes that the culvert being downstream should be a larger size to accommodate the water flow from coming across the street. Ms. Anderson said that even before you get to that culvert, her driveway is being dugout by all the water coming from the neighborhood. Mr. Braden said he wasn’t an engineer or a drainage specialist. However, it is the natural flow of water. Ms. Anderson asked if it’s the Town’s responsibility to divert the water off. Mr. Eckel, Town Attorney, said the Town can’t make any determination until an engineer advises. Mr. Braden and Mr. Briles visited the property, took pictures and wrote a report. Tammy McKinney, Town Recorder, called the State Building Inspector. Mr. Planer spoke with inspector that was over inspections for the new construction across the street concerning the flooding issue. Since then, the homeowners added some gravel to their property. Ms. Anderson said that gravel is now on her property which she has been digging out with shovels. The Board asked that someone get in touch with John Chlarson to look at the issue. Ms. Anderson would like the engineer to speak with her when he visits her property.

Joe Thomason, 520 Wylie Drive

Mr. Thomason would like an update on the drainage issues. Mayor Crocker replied that the Town is still waiting on funding. The Town is in the final stages of Phase 1 of this project.

Kenny Campbell, 819 Marshall Road

Mr. Campbell asked about the issue on Marshall Road. Mr. Foreman, Public Works Department, said the road has eroded around the culvert.

He also expressed concerns about the automobiles being parked on both sides of the street in Woodlawn Plantation.

Troop 13018

The troop purchased 16 seedlings and they would like to donate those to the Town of Brighton. There are four different types of trees; pine, red oak, flowering or a fruit and redbud. They will be picked up on March 22nd. They can plant them on either March 30th and 31st or April 13th and 14th. The Board asks that they correlate with the Public Works Department on deciding the best places to plant.

The Girl Scouts of Tipton County are looking for a home to store their supplies. If you know of anywhere in the Community willing to donate a room or a space, please pass the information on to them.

Jeremy Edwards, 1678 Liberty Church Road

Mr. Edwards expressed concerns about the permit renewal request that he submitted to the Town of Brighton. Mayor Crocker has discussed the renewal with Mr. Braden and Mr. King, Town Engineer. They believe it is best that anyone apprehensive about the permit renewal should submit in writing a list of their concerns no later than next Tuesday, March 19, 2019 to Town Hall at 4:00pm. Those concerns will be addressed by Mr. King. He will be seeking advice from an Environmental Engineer, Dr. Moore.

Mr. Edwards addressed the Board. He asked the Board to consider the amount of time, effort and financial costs he has put into this business. It is his livelihood.

Brighton Youth Baseball

Jeremy and Lauren Edwards, Danny and Lindsey Jackson and Heather Hill were here to express concerns about the contract between the Town of Brighton and Brighton Youth Baseball. They had several amendments to make to the drafted contract. They have approved a Brighton Baseball Board. Matthew Nelson needs to be removed as President from the contract and Monte Temple's name needs to be added. Lindsey Jackson stated she was the secretary. The issues they brought up are as follows:

1. What does the baseball sports complex property consist of?
2. Can we get more than a one year contract?
3. What utilities do they pay?
4. They would like to know if they can rent the field to others as a way to make money for the organization.
5. See 6b of the contract: They would like a notice to be given if the contract is terminated.
6. Will the city be fixing the lights?
7. Can the locks be rekeyed?
8. If they are paying for the improvements, are they allowed to put up new fencing and/or repair fencing?

Alderman Greer stated that he was unaware that members of the Brighton Baseball Board would be here tonight. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen had their own questions/concerns that they wanted addressed tonight as well. Mayor Crocker said this was a way for the Brighton Baseball Board to get their questions/concerns heard before an official contract is written and signed.

Mr. Edwards asked when the Board of Mayor and Aldermen plan to meet to finalize the contract. The baseball season can't begin until a contract is signed and insurance is purchased. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen scheduled a Special Called Meeting for March 21, 2019 at 6:00pm.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen are excited that these parents have volunteered their time to manage the Brighton Baseball Program. They want to see it successful again.

Heather Hill, 18 Gladman St

Ms. Hill expressed concerns about the flooding that occurs on Gladman Street. She wanted to know if the drainage project referenced earlier included this area. Mayor Crocker replied that it didn't.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Fire Department: No one attended the meeting to present the monthly status report (see attached report).

Police Department: Sergeant Blaine Max presented the monthly status report (see attached report).

Public Works: Mr. Briles, Public works Director, presented the monthly status report (see attached report).

Mayor Crocker announced that Mr. Briles has been promoted to Public Works Director.

Alderman Hall asked about repairing the potholes in Woodlawn Plantation. Mayor Crocker suggested that the Town get bids for a paving company to repair the more severe potholes. Plus, a quote to pave Tipton Street. Mr. Briles has been working to get the quotes.

Alderman Hall made a motion to approve the Xylem invoice which is to pay for the installation of the grinder pump at the High School Pump Station. Alderwoman Chapman-Washam seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Mr. Braden was given the floor.

Updates were addressed for the list of suggestions below:

1. Stop purchasing 5/8" x 3/4" water meters for about \$77.00/each and get quotes from different suppliers. (Also applies to all materials purchased.) **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
2. Have all large water meters tested, calibrated, repaired, changed out, etc. Update: Purchase order has been issued for the 14 large meters. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
3. Set up a methodical water meter change out program instead of changing out all small water meters. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
4. Stop using private lab for quarterly wastewater sample and use Munford's lab. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
5. Get Johnny Payne certified in Distribution, Collection and Backflow Prevention **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
6. Evaluate the number of employees needed in the field. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
7. Direct employees to stock the shelves with materials needed for day to day operations and for repair purposes. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
8. Adopt SOP's and Ordinances as soon as possible so that employees know how to operate the Town's facilities and also know what you expect of them. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**

9. All delivery tickets and purchase orders for materials and services must be signed off on by receiving employee and delivered to Town Hall before invoices are paid. (No ticket, no P.O. = No pay)

Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED

10. Institute a chain of command and make every employee aware of it. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**

11. Consider changing out the meters that have 1.0 million gallons usage. **Update 12/08/15:** Two or three of these meters will be pulled for testing. One of the 55 meters with over 1.5 million gallons has been replaced. This testing will determine whether these meters need to be changed out at this time. **Update 02/09/16:** Since the meter change out to automated meters is so close, I would recommend that the meters with 1.0 million gallons usage on them not be changed out at this time. **Update 05/10/16:** State Revolving Fund Loan has been approved. Mayor Crocker has more information. **Update 06/14/2016:** The grant amount has increased by 80%. The payback amount is approximately \$80,000.00. KEC is revising the Cost Estimate. 5 year to 20 year payback. **Update 08/09/16:** The State Revolving Fund Loan is requesting the Adopted Ordinance authorizing the increase in rates so that they can proceed. The Ordinance is being voted on tonight. **Update 10/11/16:** Tammy has sent the Ordinance to the State Revolving Fund Loan. We are awaiting further instructions from SRFL in order to proceed. **Update 12/13/16:** SRFL is requesting two resolutions be adopted tonight in order to move this project forward. One resolution to authorize KEC to proceed with plans and specifications for the project and the other resolution authorizing the execution of applications and agreements. **Update 01/10/17:** SRFL is now reviewing the Plans and Specifications. **Update 02/14/17:** The SRFL's committee will be meeting in early March to approve and sign grant agreements. The Town should receive the signed contract and authorization to proceed shortly after that, hopefully by the second week in March. **Update 04/11/17:** Contracts are signed and projects are out for bid. **Update 05/09/17:** The SRFL did not like the wording in the Advertisement for Bids although they had preapproved it. Because of that, the bids must be rejected and the project rebid. Rebid date May 26, 2017. **Update 06/13/2017:** New bids were received on May 26th with National Waterworks (Badger Meter) being the low bidder at \$282,216.30 which is slightly under budget. You will be voting tonight on a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with the low bidder. That contract will then go to the SRFL in Nashville for their approval. We can expect an approval letter from the SRFL by the end of the month. The telemetry portion of this project was bid on June 9th with only one bidder, KEC, knowing that this would be unacceptable to the SRFL and the Town's Board, has set a new bid date of June 30th. Two additional contractors have obligated themselves to bid this project bringing the total number of bidders up to three which should be acceptable to everyone. **Update 07/11/17:** The Town is awaiting the approval of the SRFL for the AMR bid package. The resolution for the awarding of the telemetry contract will be presented tonight for the Board's consideration. **Update 08/08/17:** SRFL approval has been granted, supply contract has been signed with Badger Meter and meters will be delivered within 60 days. The telemetry contract is scheduled to be signed with Industrial Controls and Electrical on August 15th. **Update 09/12/2017:** Industrial Controls and Electrical has begun the telemetry installation at the tank site. They anticipate completion by mid-October. **Update 10/10/2017:** One half of the meters have been delivered. The meter installation process should begin by November 1st. Industrial Controls and Electricals' installation of the telemetry stands at 75% complete. **Update 11/14/2017:** SRFL personnel will be conducting an inspection on Thursday the 16th. **Update 12/12/2017:** The meter change out process has begun with approximately 100 meters changed out to date. At this pace, the process should be completed in 12-14 months as originally planned. **Update 01/09/2018:** 204 meters have been changed out, keeping us on track to meet the deadline. **Update 02/13/2018:** 426 meters have been changed out. We're still on track to complete on time. **Update 03/13/18:** 456 meters have been changed out. Still on track to complete on time. **Update 04/10/18:** 627 meters

have been changed out. We are still on track to complete on time. **Update 05/08/18:** 695 meters have been changed out. We are still on track to complete on time. **Update 06/12/18:** As of June 7th, 831 meters have been changed out. We are still on track to complete on time. **Update 07/09/18:** 870 meters have been changed out. We are still on track to complete on time. **Update 08/14/18:** As of August 13th, 950 meters have been changed out, keeping us on track to complete on time. For the first time, the Town was able to read some meters using the automated, drive by system in July 2018. This reading was very successful. **Update 09/11/18:** As of September 10th, 951 meters have been changed out. **Update 10/09/18:** As of October 5th, 1034 meters have been changed out putting us at approximately 80% complete. At this pace, the project should be completed sometime in January which is ahead of schedule. **Update 11/13/18:** As of 11/08/18, 1066 meters have been changed out keeping us on track to complete on time. **Update 12/11/2018:** 1,135 meters have been changed out, leaving 83 to be changed. On track to complete on time. **Update 01/08/2019:** As of 01/07/19, 1,178 meters have been changed out, leaving 83 to be changed. On track to complete on time. **Update 02/12/2019:** As of 02/11/2019, 1,209 meters have been changed out, leaving 287 to change. Johnathon and I have spoken about the importance of completing the change out asap. **Update 03/12/2019:** As of 03/08/2019, 1231 meters have been changed out, leaving 265 to change.

12. Johnny is preparing a list of potential sewer system infiltration sites. This list will be prioritized according to the volume of infiltration and the repairs will be made accordingly. **Update 02/09/16:** Johnny is in the process of identifying potential infiltration sites and locating manholes. **Update 07/12/16:** Infiltration sites have been identified. With the low rainfall amounts during the summer, this is a relatively low priority at this time. Johnny is prepared to address these sites before September 15th.
13. The Town has at least one company that has been given permission in the past to use the Town's hydrants to fill tanks. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
14. Johnny has started organizing all water and sewer records in an orderly fashion. **07/11/17: RESOLVED**
15. All deficiencies noted in the last Water System Sanitary Survey have been addressed and corrected. **Update 07/11/17:** TDEC conducted a Sanitary Survey on May 19th, 2017 with the Town receiving a score of 97%. **Update 03/12/19:** TDEC conducted a Sanitary Survey on February 21, 2019 with the Town receiving a score of 96%. Johnathon and I have discussed the issues that need to be resolved and Johnathon is putting together a plan to resolve them.
16. Johnny and I have started working on updating the Sampling Plan to bring it into compliance with EPA's new Coliform Monitoring Rule. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
17. The town has to have a Drought Management Plan approved and submitted to TDEC by June 30th 2017. David Braden was verbally given approval to begin this plan. **Update 08/08/17: RESOLVED**
18. Apparently both pressure reducing valves at the master meter are not operating properly from time to time. **Update 07/17/17: RESOLVED**
19. The State Revolving Fund Loan has approved the Town for funding to replace the old asbestos cement pipe. This loan will be for \$698,400.00, paid back over 20 years at an interest rate of 0.19%. They are requesting a resolution from the Town to authorize them to undertake the rate study. The Resolution is being voted on tonight. **Update 10/11/16:** The SRFL has changed its financing deal with the Town by offering 20% grant and 80% financed at 0.26% for 20 years. This equates to approximately \$140,000.00 in grant. King Engineering, Johnny and I have reviewed the originally proposed route for the new water mains and determined that these routes are impractical because of their utilities in the area. New routes have been determined and seem feasible according to the area evaluation however, the final field work required during the design process may require acquisition of private easements because AT&T did not locate their cables as requested. We do believe that most if not all of their cables are aerial and therefore, will not present a problem. **Update 11/08/16: King**

Engineering has begun the field work for the preparations of the Plans and Specification. A resolution to hire KEC for this project is to be considered at tonight's meeting. **Update 01/10/17:** King Engineering has completed the field work. The Plans and Specifications are being developed now which has led to some questions. King Engineering will be soon presenting these questions to the Town. **Update 05/09/17:** Plans and Specifications have been sent to TDEC for their approval. Easement acquisition is underway with 8 of the 14 easements signed, 5 awaiting signatures and 1 may be unnecessary. **Update 06/13/17:** 10 of the 13 easements are secured. Attempts are still being made to secure the 3 remaining easements. **Update 02/13/18:** We were able to eliminate the need for 2 of the 3 remaining easements. The 3rd easement is still required and has been secured. We are attempting to have the project out for bid no later than mid-March. **Update 03/13/18:** We are still waiting for TDEC approval of Plans & Specifications. **Update 04/10/18:** At tonight's meeting, Mr. Braden had a copy of the letter from TDEC approving the Plans & Specifications. The ad advertising for bids will be in this Thursday's paper. **Update 05/08/18:** Bids for the project were received on April 27th with DozerTrax USA being the low bidder at \$456,964.90 which is \$99,845.10 below budget (including contingency). I've spoken with Johnny about identifying additional areas where AC pipe replacement is necessary if indeed funds are remaining at the end of the project. **Update 06/12/2018:** The contract will be awarded to Dozertrax on Thursday, June 14th, at 2:00pm. At Town Hall. The Notice to Proceed will be issued at that time. **Update 07/09/18:** The contractor has installed approximately 2,200' of 8" main and 2 fire hydrants. According to KEC, the project is on schedule to complete on time. **Update 08/14/18:** As of August 13th, the contractor has installed approximately 3,900 of 8" water main, 4 fire hydrants and 3 live tap connections. According to KEC, the contractor is on schedule. There is approximately \$100,000.00 remaining in project funds which will allow for up to 900' of additional A/C pipe replacement. It appears that the best, additional places for pipe replacement are E. Woodlawn to Main Street and E. Kenwood, almost to the R.R. tracks. **Update 09/11/18:** As of September 10th, the pressure testing of the 3,900' of main installed revealed several fitting leaks that are currently being repaired (tightened more). It appears that these repairs will be made and the pressure testing completed this week. Once the pressure testing is complete, the contractor will begin installing the customer services on this new main. Also, the additional 900' of pipe change order will require several easements along Woodlawn and Kenwood. KEC is currently preparing these easements. I anticipate that we will be contacting the property owners next week. **Update 10/09/18:** The 6 easements have been presented to the 5 property owners with positive feedback from each property owner. Four owners have agreed to grant the Town the easements and one owner is still considering. I am to follow up with her later this week. **Update 11/13/2018:** Of the 6 easements needed for the change order, 4 have been signed and I anticipate the other 2 being granted soon. Approximately, 700 feet of 8" water main and 1 fire hydrant has been installed on Woodlawn Avenue. **Update 12/11/2018:** 5 of the 6 easements have been acquired. The Bailey easement is the only one outstanding however, since it is the most eastwardly easement on Kenwood, it is not actually required for the change order to be completed. As of 12/10/2018, we are awaiting word from CDP on how to proceed in the change order process. The initial contract is about 61% complete according to KEC. The contractor is currently connecting the new services along Old Hwy 51 and killing the old services. Once this is completed, the contractor will kill the old main along Old Hwy 51. **Update 01/08/19:** Currently the project stands at 70.15% complete according to King Engineering Consulting. The contractor is working on East Woodlawn preparing for the interconnect so that the pressure testing, connecting the new services and killing the old services can be done. Concerning Change Order #1, TDEC approved plans have been received, the change order has been signed by the contractor and Davina with CDP is working on the budget revision. **Update 02/12/19:** Currently, the project stands at 76% complete. The contractor has been conducting the pressure test on East Woodlawn. Five services on Old 51 still need to be removed from the old water main and connected to the new along with the water main that feeds Gladman. Major progress has

been hampered by the rainy weather conditions. **Update 03/12/19:** Currently the project stands at 81% complete. The contractor has connected all services to the new water main on Woodlawn from the old water plant to Old 51. The only remaining connections on Old 51 are the main at Gladman and the service at Uncle Sam's. The rainy weather continues to hinder progress.

20. The Town's Water Supply Contract with Poplar Grove Utility District will expire in October 2017. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
21. The Town is required by TDEC regulation to have its elevated water tanks inspected every 5 years by a qualified person. **Update 07/11/17: RESOLVED**
22. The Town's Water & Sewer System is under an order from the State's Water and Wastewater Financing Board to improve its financial standing. **Update 10/10/2017: RESOLVED**
23. The Tipton County School System has requested to connect to the Town's sewer system. In order to do this, some improvements to the Town's existing sewer system are required. **Update 10/10/17: RESOLVED**
24. The Town has recently experienced problems with the High School and Dale Smith Pump Stations. We believe that most of the problems are related to the lack of maintenance of the high school's and middle school's septic tanks. KEC and I have prepared a finding report and a suggested preventative maintenance program for the school's septic tanks and all pump stations. I recommend that the Mayor and the Board adopt this plan. **RESOLVED**
25. Mr. Chlarson has evaluated the drainage problems in Town and is compiling a list. Mr. Ronnie Neill is prepared to assist the Town in the creation of a Storm Water Utility to fund the needed repairs. **Update 02/13/18:** Mr. Chlarson has advised me that he is developing a cost estimate to repair the drainage problems and that this cost estimate should be available to the Town within the next 30-45 days. **Update 03/13/18:** Mr. Chlarson's report and cost estimate has been delivered to the Town. This report only includes the drainage structures that are failing. The Town should seriously consider replacing all the CMP in the areas where the failures are currently occurring. Also, I'm not sure whether Mr. Neill has given the Town a proposal for the Storm Water Ordinance. **Update 04/10/18:** Bids for the CCTV part of the project will be received at 2:00pm on Friday April 13th. Currently there are seven contractors that have picked up plans and specifications. **Update 05/08/18:** Bids were received on April 13th for the CCTV part of the project with Mid South Septic being the low bidder at a Base Bid of \$21,752.00. Their bid for the Additive Alternate is \$43,789.50 in case additional scoping is required at McLister and Carrington. **Update 06/12/18:** Some scoping of the drainage systems has occurred, but no reports have been delivered to the Town or KEC. KEC has requested these reports on two different occasions. McLister and Carrington appear to have catch basin problems with the drain pipes being sound. Woodlawn appears to have terrible pipe failures. **Update 07/09/18:** No reports from Mid-South have been delivered to the Town or KEC and no payment has been made to Mid-South. **Update 08/14/18:** No reports have been received from Mid-South, nor has any payment been made to them. Mr. Ault has assured KEC that they have acquired a new camera and will be back on the job soon. **Update 09/11/18:** The reports and videos have been received from Mid-South. KEC has done some spot, site visits to also determine the degree of rust deterioration of the pipes. These spot checks coupled with the video indicate that rather than pipe replacement, Cured-in-Place Pipe coating procedure should be seriously considered by the Board. KEC also believes that the inlet structures can be repaired using an injection process called Polyurethane Pour-in-Place system. Both of these processes are proven methods that require much less disruption to yards and streets. Also at this point, it is my opinion that the Town should start looking at financing options since any grant funding appears unavailable.
26. I think that the Town desires to resolve the issue of the old car tires on the Fosters' property. In an attempt to help resolve this matter, I have received information from Mr. Leland Harris at TDEC that the State may have some grant money for such cleanup project. I am currently making contact with TDEC's Nashville office to learn more about this program. **Update 07/09/18:** Mr. Bob Fletcher with

TDEC has contacted me, requesting location information for the Foster property which I have provided. I expect that a site visit will be made by TDEC within the next 30-45 days. **Update 08/14/18:** On Monday, July 30th, TDEC conducted an on-site inspection of the Foster property after a meeting chaired by County Executive Jeff Huffman. The findings of that meeting and site visit are in TDEC's MEMO dated August 2nd, 2018.

27. The Town's Water System does not have an up to date Emergency Operation Plan as required by TDEC (the health department). The proposed plan that you have before you tonight has been developed using TAUD's template. I would ask that you consider the adopting of it at this time.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT

Basketball season is over.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

None

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Greer asked Mr. Braden if he has spoken to Mr. King about the Storm Water Fund. Mr. Braden has spoken to him since the last meeting. Alderman Greer confirmed a First Reading has been approved. Mr. Braden said without knowing a definite amount of the borrowed funds then you really can't move forward unless you set a rate then adjust it up or down according to the borrowed amount.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Judge

Alderman Hall made a motion to approve Lauren Raynor-McDaniel as the Town Judge. There was no second.

Alderman Hall asked to get all the issues out in the open concerning the judge position. Alderman Greer thinks the Town of Brighton needs a different judge that has the best interests of the Town. He said when Judge Raynor-McDaniel was first appointed the Board was notified of all these changes she was going to make. We all said no changes until it's brought before the Board. He then read an article posted by The Leader concerning all the changes you were making. Sarah Brown, The Leader, said the interview happened way before anything happened in here. Raynor-McDaniel said she doesn't need Board approval. She runs her court pursuant to statute. Alderman Hall stated that he believes people are taking things personal now instead of focusing on a judge that is running court per the State. He doesn't understand the issue at hand. Alderman Greer said it wasn't personal at all. Mayor Crocker asked Alderman Smith if he had an opinion of his own. She asked why he didn't think Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel was not doing a good job. He said that we really don't have a choice but one. She asked then what's the issue? He said I guess it would have to be personal. Alderman Hall asked if he was going to second the motion to appoint her. Alderman Smith said "no". Alderman Hall then stated that we need to figure out what to do about court on Monday. Mr. Eckel cautioned the Board as a whole of imposing their ideas on what a judicial branch should do. The Board should conduct business as a legislative branch. Alderman Hall asked if anyone on the Board could be convinced to second the motion. Alderwoman Chapman-Washam felt like Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel wasn't willing to work with the Board. She continued by saying

that Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel talked down to Alderman Greer. Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel asked if she was referring to a moment ago. Alderwoman Chapman-Washam replied yes. Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel replied that at every meeting she has attended Alderman Greer has had something negative to say. She wasn't going to allow someone to continually personally attack her because they don't like her. She wants to be treated professionally. She is the one that went to law school and practices law daily. Alderman Hall reminded Alderman Greer that he was the one that brought up the Charter in last month's meeting. Mr. Eckel said since Mrs. Raynor-McDaniel has not officially been removed then she is still your judge. He read a portion of the Town's Charter that states "the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Brighton shall elect a city judge, who shall hold office for two (2) years, or until his successor shall be elected and qualified". Alderman Hall asked that we set a deadline date to accept applicants for a judge. They agreed to 60 days. They asked that the search be publicized in order to reach as many applicants as possible. They will review/interview all applicants at the May Board Meeting. If we have only one applicant, then that's who it will be. The appointment of the judge is tabled until the May 2019 Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Misread Meter Accounts

The Town discovered recently that 6 meters had been misread for several years. Ms. McKinney, Town Recorder, was asked (for reference) to calculate the amount of monies lost up to when the meters were misread. We do not have records showing the water rates prior to 2011 so that's where the totals end. Mayor Crocker recused herself of the decision being that she is related to a business in question. Mr. Braden believes the Town has the "option" to back bill. Alderman Greer saw a news story just today where a utility customer in Mississippi was back billed to recoup funds. In this case some of the Board wanted to forgive the debt, but they were not allowed to due to Mississippi State Law. This discussion was tabled until the Town could find out if it's an "option" or a "must".

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Hall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Greer. All approved. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.

Sarah Crocker, Mayor

Tammy McKinney, Town Recorder