

**November 9, 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE BROOKNEAL TOWN COUNCIL**

**7:00 PM – The regular meeting of the Brookneal Town Council**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the municipal government of the Town of Brookneal met at the Brookneal Community Building, 261 Main Street, so that social distancing could be practiced properly, with the following members present:

Richard Adams, Vice Mayor

Mark Wilkes, Joseph David, and Scott Fisher, Council Members

Russell Thurston, Town Manager

Richard Baldwin, Chief of Police

Mike Crews, Public Works Director

Absent: James Nowlin, Mayor, Cynthia Johnson and Barbara Laprade, Council Members

**NO FORMAL MEETING HELD BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF A QUORUM**

Due to the absence of a quorum, no formal meeting was held. The group discussed the following topics, but no actions could be taken.

- Properties in the town that have been taken care of including the house at 307 Cook Avenue that was sold at auction for taxes and the house at 132 Church Street that was cleaned up after a certified letter was sent to the owner. Mr. Thurston said that work was continuing on some other properties that needed attention.
- Complaint about no parking signs that have been erected by VDOT in front of the Guthrie's Hardware building. Ms. Brenda Short had expressed concern and dismay to Mr. Thurston about the signs placed in front of her building that prohibit parking. Mr. Thurston said that he had had other citizens on Cook Avenue who expressed appreciation for the signs and say they have made it easier to see when pulling out of Cook Avenue. Mr. Thurston said that the Council had expressed their concerns about parking in this area which were relayed to VDOT who done a study on the area and placed the no parking signs. Ms. Short has placed a call to VDOT about the signs also.
- Mr. Crews reminded the Council members, amid rumors circulating, that the Town does not have agriculture use in the Town of Brookneal (out of 7 zoning districts in the Town agriculture is not one of those).
- Chief Baldwin told everyone that a lot of drug activity has been found in Town and individuals are being prosecuted. He said a lot of this is work being done by Officer Tanner.
- Vice Mayor Adams asked about a fire hydrant that is has been knocked down on the corner of Earl Street and Lynchburg Avenue and has never been replaced. Mr. Crews said that he has an extra hydrant to replace it with, but he doesn't have the manpower to replace it right now because it is a major job. He said he would work on getting it done.

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Bobbie A. Waller  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Richard Adams  
Vice Mayor