

Brook Town Council
Brook Town Hall
September 9, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Attendees:

Town Council: Rex Chapman, Jeff Laffoon, Brad Wilson
Attorney: Rebecca Goddard
Superintendent: Nick Snodgrass
Asst. superintendent: Jonathan Laffoon
Clerk/Treasurer: Kathy Babcock
Deputy Clerk: Nichole Massey
Marshal: Chip Flahive
Fire Chief:
Building Commissioner: Jeff Snodgrass
Iroquois Township Trustee:
Park Director:
Guest: David Hamilton, Gary Sanders, Angie Laffoon, Chris Chapman

Jeff Laffoon called the meeting to order.

Pledge to flag

2026 Budget Hearing

Jeff Laffoon called the 2026 Budget Hearing to order. Jeff then read the Budget

General \$480,475.00

MVH \$194,260.00

LR & S \$ 8,000.00

CCI \$ 4,000.00

For a total budget of \$686,735.00

Jeff asked for any questions, there were no comments or questions.

Jeff Closed the 2026 Budget Hearing

Minutes

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 12, 2025 meeting. Rex Chapman seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed

Financials

There were no Financials due to issues with the new computers.

Brook Economic Development

After discussion Rex Chapman made a motion to approve the contract with T-Mobile pending legal review. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Building Commissioner

Jeff reported that there are three new homes going up in town.

He asked about the status of the house at 416 W Cummings Street. This house has been sold to Jimmy Hancock and he intends to have it torn down by the 1st of the year.

He then asked about the Parks house at 513 W Sell Street. It has been purchased by Talon Cornwell and he was started clearing the yard and is going to tear it down.

Community Events Committee

Chris Chapman thanked the Town employees for all the help at all the events so far this year. She said the committee was very grateful.

Conservation Club

Jonathan Laffoon reported that Newton County Soil and Water has started on the Rain Garden. In the process they found that the Bridge is in need of repair. They have done all that can be at the present and will be back in the Spring. They are talking about stalking the pond.

Fire Department

Jeff Laffoon reported the new Medical Command Truck is here and being outfitted.

Marshal

Chip turned in the monthly report. There was discussion on the flag on the porch at 321 E Main. Rebecca will look into seeing if it can fall under the nuisance ordinance. There was discussion about a new police vehicle. Chip reported that there are 2025 models available now or if we wait for a 2026 model it will have to be ordered and would not be available until next year at this time. Rex Chapman made a motion to purchase the 2025 Squad model now. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed. Chip will investigate the trade value.

Superintendent

Nick Snodgrass turned in the monthly Water and Sewer MRO reports.

Nick reported Culy could come back and do another 25 manhole chimneys for \$15,000.00.

Nick presented a request from Reid and Teresa Beever at 313 S Hess for a sewer hook-up. Brad

Wilson made a motion to allow Reid & Teresa Beever to hook-up to the Town Sewer System.

Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Nick will start to repair the Splash Pad. There was discussion on how best to find the leak.

Ryan Whybrew has been with Nick to discuss issues with at the Sewer Plant. He has been given 6 years of reports to work with. There still has been no progress on the generator for the lift station. If PSI comes to install it they will give a full warranty.

Asst. Superintendent

Jonathan Laffoon presented a quote from Culbreth Lawn and Tree Service for \$3000.00 to trim back the trees along Hwy 16. Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the bid from Culbreth Lawn on Tree Service for \$3000.00 to come from the Road Fund Allocation in the Landfill Account to cut back the limbs along Hwy 16. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Veteran's Memorial

Rex Chapman will trim the trees at the Memorial. Rex announced he would like to have an Old-Fashioned Turkey Raffel to raise money for the Memorial. This will have to wait until the Activities Committee gets the gaming license.

NEW BUSINESS

Gary Sanders

Gary Sanders was here with a request to have the mulch from the tree that was taken down by his house picked-up. Jonathan Laffoon reported that he had started that day and would finish tomorrow.

Pun'kin Palooza

Jeff Laffoon asked about a donation for the up coming event at the Newton County Fair Grounds. Brad Wilson made a motion to donate \$2000.00 to the Pun'kin Palooza event to come from the Board Promotion. Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Debra Cornwell

Kathy presented a letter from Debra Cornwell asking for an adjustment on the water bill because she has had a leak over the last 3 months. Rex Chapman made a motion to give the standard Sewer adjustment for usage over the average. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Clerk Notes

Kathy reported that she had nothing to report except about all the problems they were having since the new computers were installed.

Claims

Rex Chapman made a motion to pay claims. Brad Wilson seconded. All approved, motion passed.

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of Brook Council Meeting. The full video archive is available for viewing at [youtube.com /@BrookTown-p8u](https://www.youtube.com/@BrookTown-p8u).

Brad Wilson made motion to adjourn the meeting, Rex Chapman seconded. All approved, motion passed.

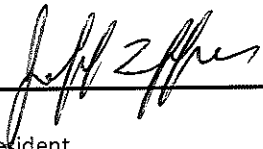
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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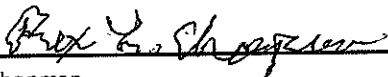
Kathy Babcock
Clerk/Treasurer

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Jeff Laffoon
Town Council President

X



Rex Chapman
Town Council Member

X



Brad Wilson
Town Council Member