

TOWN of WOOLSEY

Regular Meeting

February 9, 2026

Mayor Smith opened the public hearing on the annexation for 1885 Hwy 92S at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Maurice Ungaro informed the Council that, currently, the western boundary of the Town is Woolsey Creek. Approximately 20 acres of this property sits outside of the Town limits. To clean up tax records, the applicant, Councilwoman Jackson, would like to bring the property into the Town. Mayor Smith asked if the zoning will remain the same and was told that it would. There is no road frontage, so signage would not have to change. Councilman Carden mentioned there was property on Anna Lane that the owner may want to annex. Mr. Ungaro said that they just needed to apply.

With no more questions or concerns, the Mayor closed the hearing and opened the monthly meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda Changes

Mayor Smith would like to add the vote on the annexation. Councilman Carden made the motion to add it and was seconded by Councilman Wright. Councilwoman Jackson concurred and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Smith also requested that a discussion of travel reimbursements be added to the agenda. Councilman Wright made the motion to add it and was seconded by Councilman Carden. Councilwoman Jackson concurred and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Prior Meeting

Councilman Wright made a motion to accept the January minutes as amended. He was seconded by Councilwoman Jackson and Councilman Carden concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report

Mayor Smith explained that, in January, the checks for Arrow Exterminators and Duncan's Landscaping, were written out of the incorrect accounts. This report reverses those actions. Councilman Wright asked how much of the funds for FOHW were left in the account? Mayor Smith replied that there was approximately \$1,900 left. Councilwoman Jackson inquired about the payment from Woods Family Construction and was informed that it was for a permit application. Councilman Carden made the motion to approve the December Financial Report. Councilwoman Jackson seconded him and Councilman Wright concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Update from Transportation Committee – Mr. Ungaro filled in for Karen and told the Council that the County has the updated plans from GDOT and they plan to be at the March meeting to get the Town's approval. He also told the Council that, included in the plans, are sidewalks going from Old Farm Rd to Tiny's house. Councilman Wright asked if it will be going out to bid after the meeting and he was told that there was still some right-of-way that needed to be acquired. Councilwoman Jackson asked if the property owners had been spoken to and the Mayor responded to her saying not until after the plans have been approved.

2. Update on Friend of Historic Woolsey – Mayor Smith reported that they had signed with Landmark Preservation, LLC to do the stabilization and the roof work.

3. Tree Preservation Ordinance – After the Council took a few moments to read over the first draft of the tree ordinance, a discussion ensued about the best verbiage to use that allows individual homeowners to remove unwanted trees, but stops developers from just clearing the land and developing it without first coming to the Town. Additionally, what to do if an individual buys acreage for timber? Mr. Ungaro mentioned that sometimes these people have to wait 12-24 months in order to develop the property. He said that he will draft some language, and present it to the Council.

4. Emails – Mayor Smith circled back to the email discussion from January. The rates that he had told the Council, he found out, were “gotcha” rates and were good for only one year. The longer we sign for, the less expensive overall. Mr. Ungaro said that the Town of Brooks uses VC3 for their email and website.

5. Website – The problem that we are facing, Mayor Smith explained, is that we cannot get in contact with the developer of the website so that we can make the needed changes. Again, Mr. Ungaro spoke up, saying that he would provide the contact for the company that Brooks uses.

6. Other - None

New Business

1. Paying Bills Online – Councilman Carden made a motion to allow bills to be paid online under a \$500 threshold. Councilman Wright seconded and Councilwoman Jackson concurred. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Livestreaming Meetings – Councilwoman Jackson noted that during the election cycle, the Town of Brooks livestreamed a debate as to allow it to be accessible. Mayor Smith said that it would be good to make the meetings public and viewable and asked the Councilwoman to research the costs and the number of people who may use the service. Councilman Wright mentioned that very few people come to the meetings and, if they were really interested, they would come. The Mayor told the Councilwoman that, if approved, she may be taking over the job.

3. Vote on Annexation – Councilman Carden made the motion to annex the remaining portion of the property located at 1885 Highway 92S into the Town limits. Councilman Wright seconded and Councilwoman Jackson abstained, as it is her property. The motion passed 2-0-1.

4. Travel Expenses – Councilman Wright made a motion to pay per diem and mileage for travel according to GSA rates. Councilman Carden seconded him and Councilwoman Jackson concurred. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Other - None

Public Comment

Dylan Shoemaker commented the Tyrone had audio issues in their livestream, which makes it difficult. Councilman Wright added that there would be a need for microphones at every seat, as well as for the public.

With no more business to come before the Council, Councilman Carden made the motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Councilman Wright and Councilwoman Jackson concurred. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Collin, Town Clerk