

Brookland City Council Minutes October 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones.

Roll Call: Council present: Mike Bishop, Pamela McGee, David Gambill, Wilson Shipman, Jason Cooper, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and Attorney Kevin Orr. Absent: Martin Crain and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion that he could take the minutes in the absence of Clerk Billy Dacus. Mike Bishop made the motion for Mayor Kenneth Jones to take the minutes of the October 10, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones stated motion and second opened to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion had passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve September 12, 2022, Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the minutes passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve September 26, 2022, Brookland Special City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the minutes passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins said there wasn't any new updates. David did announce that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night on October 17 @ 6pm at City Hall.

Approval to remove obsolete and inoperable PD Equipment from fixed asset list:

Mayor Jones said he needed a motion to remove obsolete and inoperable PD Equipment from fixed asset list. He noted that this was advised by the auditor due to the equipment not being in use by the Police Department. Mike Bishop made a motion to remove the obsolete and inoperable PD Equipment items from fixed asset list. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the minutes passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Review Utility 2020-2021 Audit:

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had reviewed the 2020-2021 Utility Audit that was included in their packets. They said they had reviewed it. The mayor said that he would need a motion to accept the audit if there were no questions. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the 2020-21 Utility Audit as presented. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no

discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the minutes passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Resolution 2022-15 - Setting the 2023 city personal and real estate millage:

This resolution sets millage for 2023 to zero.

Kevin Orr read Resolution 2022-15 in its entirety.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-15 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept Resolution 2022-15 passed by a vote of 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2022-16 - Amending Ordinance 2021-19 - Mayor's pay to reflect 53-week pay periods in 2021:

This is an ordinance amending Ordinance 2021-19 to allow for years with 53 weekly pay periods, declaring an emergency, and for other purposes.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-16 in its entirety.

Mike Bishop made a motion suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-16 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-16 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-16 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-16 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-16 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-16 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-16 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-16 to council for discussion. Mayor Jones stated that this amendment was asked to be done by the auditor so that the pay periods were clear. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-16 had passed by a vote of 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause in section 2 as read in Ordinance 2022-16. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-16 passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2022-17 - Ordinance to establish internal accounting controls for bond trustee:

This is an ordinance implementing internal accounting controls for sales tax improvement bonds, series 2021; and declaring an emergency.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-17 in its entirety.

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-17 by title only. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-17 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-17 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-17 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-17 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-17 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-17 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-17 to council for discussion. Mayor Jones stated that this procedure was currently being done by the city, but the auditor asked that the city put in ordinance form. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-17 had passed by a vote of 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause in section 3 as read in Ordinance 2022-17. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-17 passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2022-18 - Ordinance to rezone 249 Brady from A-1 to R-1:

This is an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2022-18 known as the zoning map ordinance for the city of Brookland, Arkansas providing a change in zone district.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-18 in its entirety.

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-18 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-18 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-18 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-18 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no

discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the reading rules requirement and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-18 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-18 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-18 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-18 to council for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-18 had passed by a vote of 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause in section 3 as read in Ordinance 2022-18. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-18 passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Old Business

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed September's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 9-30-2022 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$961,967.85
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$481,407.90
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$477,715.99

Concrete trucks blocking streets while pouring concrete; can city require a permit:

Attorney Kevin Orr said that he had spoken with the Jonesboro attorney about the issue, but information was needed to be attained. Mayor Jones said the city was looking into trying to address the issue before the building permits were issued. The heavy weights of the trucks, along with other heavy trucks were destroying the city streets. More information will be gathered on this topic.

Food trucks in the city:

Attorney Kevin Orr said he could do more research on this subject. The question is if the city wants to designate a spot for these trucks or if there might be other options.

Campers in the city:

Attorney Kevin Orr said he will investigate the possible legal options to limit the placing of campers inside the city limits.

301 Stevens; discuss possible purchase:

Mayor Jones asked the council if they have thought over the idea of the possible purchase of 301 Stevens that was discussed in the special meeting on September 26, 2022. Mayor said that the last time he spoke with the owner the price was \$140k. The property did have an old house on it that has been removed, and 3-plus acres of land. The mayor said that he had spoken with the city engineer about using the property to help relieve some of the rainwater run-off in the area. More information is still being gathered but the council believes it would be beneficial to

purchase the property if the flooding can be reduced. Mayor Jones said he would continue to gather information.

Mayor's notes:

Mayor Jones asked for a motion for the council to pay Martin Crain and Billy Dacus in wake of their absence due to illness. Mike Bishop made the motion. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones stated motion and second opened to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion had passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Act 605 of 2021(The Water Bill) requires mandatory training for municipal water provider board (City Council); exception is 10 years prior service:

Mayor Jones said that Jason Cooper and Pam McGee would need to take the training since they were under the 10 years of service. The mayor said that they would need to let him know how they wanted to take the class training.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the floor?

David Loggins of 119 Emma said that he was very concerned about speeders in the Brookland Hills subdivision. He said the city was thinking about putting speed bumps in the subdivision at one time. The mayor said that the city could put the bumps down as a temporary purpose but could look into making the speed bumps into speed tables that were much larger and easier to maintain in bad weather.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to adjourn passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer