

City of Brookland Special City Council Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2016

Special Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Jones

Roll call: Council members present Mike Bishop, Linda Anderson Reece, Justin Langston, Wilson Shipman, William Thompson, also present City Attorney Kevin Orr, and Mayor Kenneth D. Jones. Absent was Councilman William David Gambill and City Clerk Treasurer Billy Dacus.

1. **Ordinance 2016-02 setting council meeting regulations** was read entirely by CA Kevin Orr. Mike Bishop made motion to accept the reading requirement section of ordinance 2016-02 stating per Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-55-202 to dispose of the three reading requirement. Justin Langston seconds motion. Mayor Jones repeats motion and second and opens motion on reading requirement section to council or discussion. Councilman Thompson asked if this was basically how we did the ordinances before. Mayor Jones said that is correct.

Mayor Jones asked if there was any other discussion. Being none Mayor Jones called for roll call vote: Linda Anderson Reece: yes, William Thompson: yes, Justin Langston: Yes, Wilson shipman: yes, Mike Bishop: yes. Mayor Jones announces the motion to accept the reading requirement section of Ordinance 2016-02 has passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop makes motion to accept Ordinance 2016-02 as read. Linda Anderson Reece seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second, opens Ordinance 2016-02 to council for discussion. Alderman Shipman asked if we were doing this because we are a first class city, I don't remember doing this before. Mayor Jones stated that we have done it every year at the first meeting in January; state law requires it. Kevin Orr said yes we have looked at the way the meeting is conducted at the first meeting in January, since Brookland is now a First Class City we have to clarify the meeting structure in more accurate detail. Alderman Thompson questioned if the two minutes was enough time for people to speak on a subject. CA Kevin Orr stated this could be changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the council.

Mayor Jones asked if there was any other discussion. Being none Mayor Jones called for roll call vote: Linda Anderson Reece: yes, William Thompson: yes, Justin Langston: Yes, Wilson shipman: yes, Mike Bishop: yes. Mayor Jones announces the motion to accept Ordinance 2016-02 has passed 5 yeas to 0 nays

2. **Ordinance 2016-03 appointing Linda Anderson Reece to serve a three year term on the Brookland Planning Commission** was read entirely by CA Kevin Orr. Mike Bishop made motion to accept the reading requirement section of ordinance 2016-03 stating per Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-55-202 a municipal council shall dispose of the three reading requirement by two-thirds 2/3 majority vote of the members. Justin Langston Seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second and opens motion on reading section to council or discussion. Being no discussion, calls for a vote. Mayor Jones announces the motion has passed 4 yeas to 1 nay. Wilson shipman voting nay.

Mike Bishop makes motion to accept Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2016-03. Justin Langston seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second, opens motion to council for discussion. Mayor Jones asked if there was any discussion. Being none Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announces motion to accept emergency clause in ordinance 2016-03 has passed 4 yeas to 1 nay. Wilson Shipman voting no.

Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept to accept Ordinance 2016-03 as read. Justin Langston seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second, opens Ordinance 2016-03 to council for discussion.

Wilson Shipman stated he thought this was a conflict of interest serving on both the city council and planning commission. City Attorney Kevin Orr read Arkansas Statute 14-56-404 that states the legislative body of the municipality may create a planning commission of not less than five (5) members, of whom at least two-thirds (2/3) shall not hold any other municipal office. A city council member can serve if appointed by ordinance by the city council CA Kevin Orr stated. William Thompson asked if the position was advertised. Mayor Jones stated, "If you mean in the Jonesboro Sun, no it has not been. It has been in newsletter, when a position is vacant at the time we print a newsletter and we announce it at both the city council and planning commission meetings." Mayor Jones asked if there was any other discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for roll call vote: Linda Anderson Reece: yes, William Thompson: yes, Justin Langston: Yes, Wilson Shipman: No, Mike Bishop: yes. Mayor Jones announces the motion to accept the reading section of Ordinance 2016-03 has passed 4 yeas to 1 nay.

3. **Ordinance 2016-04 appointing Jimmy Andrews to serve a three year term on the Brookland Planning Commission** was read entirely by City Anderson Kevin Orr. Mike Bishop made motion to accept the reading requirement section of ordinance 2016-04 stating per Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-55-202 a municipal council shall dispose of the three reading requirement by two-thirds ( 2/3) majority vote of the members. Justin Langston seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second and opens motion on reading requirement section to council or discussion. Mayor Jones announces the motion has passed 4 yeas to 1 nay. Wilson Shipman voting nay.

Mike Bishop makes motion to accept Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2016-04. Justin Langston seconds motion. Mayor Jones repeats motion and second opens motion on reading requirement section to council for discussion. Mayor Jones ask if there was any discussion. Being none Mayor Jones called for roll call vote. Mayor Jones announces the motion to accept the emergency clause of Ordinance 2016-04 has passed 4 yeas to 1 nay. Wilson Shipman voting nay.

Mike Bishop makes motion to accept Ordinance 2016-04 as read. Justin Langston seconds motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, opens Ordinance 2016-04 to council for discussion.

Wilson Shipman states he feels this is like the one before," I feel this is a conflict of interest." City Attorney Kevin Orr stated that one paragraph was changed because Mr. Andrews is a part time worker for the city not an elected official. Mr. Andrews must be appointed by ordinance also because he is employed by the city. Mayor Jones asked if there was any discussion. Being

none Mayor Jones called for roll call vote: Linda Anderson Reece: yes, William Thompson: yes, Justin Langston: Yes, Wilson Shipman: No, Mike Bishop: yes. Mayor Jones announces the motion to accept the emergency clause of Ordinance 2016-04 has passed 4 yeas to 1 nays.

4. **Resolution 2016-05 - Inter-local agreement for Mayor to enter into contract with Craighead County regarding AR State Police E-tickets** - City Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2016-05 entirely. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2016-05 as read. Justin Langston seconded motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, and opened Resolution 2016-05 to council for discussion. City council members agreed that per Arkansas Law this agreement is needed, to be in compliance. Mayor Jones asked if there was any other discussion on the resolution. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to accept Ordinance 2016-05 has passed by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn, Linda Anderson Reece seconded motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, called for a vote. Mayor Jones announces the motion to adjourn has passed by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.