

## **Brookland City Council Minutes**

### **January 13, 2020**

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve December 9, 2019 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. Mayor Jones stated 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 city council minutes from December 9, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

#### **New Business**

##### **Jon Milligan – Running for State Representative:**

Lake City Mayor Jon Milligan announced that he's running on the Republican ticket for the House District 53 seat. Jon served on the Lake City council from 2007 to 2011 and has served as their mayor since 2011. He noted that he is "100% Pro Life" and he will defend the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He asked that everyone please consider voting for him in the upcoming primary election.

##### **Review meeting agenda criteria for 2020:**

The council reviewed Ordinance 2016-02 (*A.C.A § 14-43-501 - Organization of governing body*) This ordinance gets reviewed each year to see if there are any changes needed to the meeting agenda criteria. After a brief discussion, it was decided to leave everything as is.

##### **Resolution 2020-01 - Amending 2019 General, Street, & Utility budgets:**

Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2020-01 in its entirety. This resolution is for approving the final annual General, Street, and Utility fund budgets for 2019 for the city of Brookland. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-01 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Mayor Jones asked if there is any discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept Resolution 2020-01 has passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

##### **Review Resolution 2016-09 as required by AR Code:**

Mayor Jones stated that the City of Brookland is required to review this police policy each year. He asked City Attorney Kevin Orr to review and suggest changes if any are needed. Attorney Orr said that no changes were needed. Mayor Jones announced to continue our current biased law enforcement policy per Resolution 2016-09.

##### **Real estate offer of acceptance of 302 E. Matthews:**

Mayor Jones told the council that the city received an offer for the lot located at 302 E. Matthews. The offer was submitted by Greg Baugh for \$18,500.00. The Mayor did note that there were some stipulations listed in the proposal submitted by Mr. Baugh. After talking about what the lot could be used for and other details, it was decided that the council review the document proposal and take-up the discussion at next month's meeting.

##### **Appoint Aaron Coleman to Veterans Memorial Committee:**

Mayor Jones submitted another name to serve on the Veterans Memorial Park Committee to the council. He stated that Aaron Coleman had asked to serve on the committee and was on the original list. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Aaron Coleman to serve on the Veterans Memorial Park

Committee. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

### **Old Business**

#### **Review K-9 Memorandum of Understanding submitted by Brookland School District:**

Mayor Jones passed out the K-9 Memorandum of Understanding submitted by the Brookland School District to the council. This is a contract listing the responsibilities for both parties (the Brookland Public Schools and the Brookland Police Department) pertaining to the K-9. The Mayor gave the council time to read and review the document, then ask if they had any questions.

There were several questions raised about the financial arrangements, as well as the care for the animal. Brookland School Resource Officer Keith Prescott was present to help answer the questions. After discussion, Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the K-9 contract between the Brookland Public Schools and the Brookland Police Department. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for further discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

#### **Previous Month's Financials:**

Mayor Jones reviewed December's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 12-31-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$119,111.61
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$144,767.72
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$342,741.21

#### **Mayor's Notes:**

✓ **AML Winter Convention February 12-14. Who will attend?**

Mayor Jones stated that he needed a head count for the ones who were attending the AML Winter Convention this year.

Mayor Jones asked the council if Danna Johnson could use the meeting room Thursday night, January 16, 2020. She is meeting with the residents of Brookland Hills- Phase 1 about forming a possible Homeowners or Property-owners Association. The council approved the meeting.

#### **Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?**

Jason Cooper asked if there was an update on the property on Missouri Street. Mayor Jones stated that the Inboden Brothers had accepted the offer and the details were being worked out.

Martin Crain asked the Mayor if the safe room was going to get any kind of "cosmetic" work. The Mayor said the plans where to brick the outside in the future.

Jason Cooper also asked for an update on the Eason Street project. Mayor Jones noted that the city would probably learn more information at the AML Convention next month.

#### **Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?**

There was none.

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 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer