

Brookland City Council Minutes September 20, 2021

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, Pamela McGee, David Gambill, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Attorney Kevin Orr, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve August 9, 2021, Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 August 9, 2021, passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

David Gambill made a motion to pay Martin Crain for the August 9th meeting that he was absent because of illness. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 pay Martin Crain for the August 9th meeting passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays with one vote abstained (Martin Crain).

New Business

Vector Disease Control - Monthly Report:

Jim Stark from Vector Disease Control couldn't attend the meeting, but Mayor Jones stated that he had the August monthly report with him if any of the council wanted to review it.

Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins announced that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Thursday night on September 23 @ 6pm at City Hall. He said he would like to invite everyone to attend. They would again be discussing the items that would be in the parks. He also noted that they were waiting on response for the matching grants for the parks. Mayor Jones said he hoped to hear something soon.

Due to timing issues, items three, four, and five were delayed. The agenda moved to the first item in "Old Business".

Old Business

Discuss city options to collect cost related to cleaning detention ponds in Phase I of Brookland Hills:

Mayor Jones said that there were no new bids for this project. It was noted by Attorney Kevin Orr and Mayor Jones that things were restricted on what could be done by the city since they could not provide outstanding services without compensation. The matter will be continued to be reviewed but options were limited.

New Business

Johanson Group Salary Survey Update:

Bruce Johanson joined the meeting via a zoom call. Mr. Johanson is principal partner/co-owner of the Johanson Group that is a management consulting service that recently did a study for the city's marketplace compensation analysis. The council were given booklets that provided a report of that analysis. Bruce went over each page to explain the results and data. After the

presentation, Mr. Johanson answered a few questions and then noted the information can be beneficial for the city's management and council in making adjustments to the compensation plan strategy for the calendar years 2021 and 2022 if so desired.

Discuss offers on property at 247 Brady Lane:

Danna Johnson from Crye-Leike Realtors presented the council with four offers for the property at 247 Brady Lane. After reviewing the documents carefully and weighing the pros and cons of each offer, the council decided to go with option number four. David Gambill made a motion to accept offer number four to sell the property at 247 Brady Lane. The motion was seconded by Wilson Shipman. 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.

Resolution 2021-15 - Amend 2021 General, Street & Utility Fund Budgets (Utility fund amendment will include payment for Bobcat Compact Excavator):

Due to the need to include payment for a Bobcat Compact Excavator and the data given to the council from the Johanson study, amendments to the 2021 General, Street, and Utility Fund budgets were needed. Kevin Orr read Resolution No. 2021-15 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-15 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 2021-15 passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Martin Crain made a motion to take a short break. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 yeas to 0 nays. Council recessed at 8:15 PM.

Mike Bishop made a motion to go back in session. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 yeas to 0 nays. Council back in session at 8:26 PM.

Old Business

Shirley Street - Thompson Subdivision: – Mayor Jones announced he is still seeking quotes for this project. He hoped to have more information at next month's meeting.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both August's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 8-31-2021 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$437,947.15
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$398,195.69
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$397,225.32

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ *Fireproof safe for city documents* – Mayor Jones stated that City Hall needed another fireproof safe for city documents. The cost would be around three-thousand dollars. He noted that the money was sit aside in the budget, but he wanted to inform the council since it was a higher priced item.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

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 8:31 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer