

## **Brookland City Council Minutes**

**April 12, 2021**

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve March 8, 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 March 8, 2021 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

### **New Business**

#### **Brookland Parks Committee Update:**

David Loggins briefed the council on the past meeting of the Brookland Parks Committee. David said the committee addressed different items to help get the much-needed information on the Bond Issue passed on to the people of the city that will be voted on in June. Mayor Jones passed out a handout that shows how the ballot will appear to the voters. Mayor Jones also noted that the EAST lab students of Brookland High School was going to help with videos on the bond issues to help get the public informed. The Brookland Parks Committee will have a meeting April 22, 2021 @ 6pm at City Hall. Martin Crain asked if the school auditorium could be used for future meeting so that more individuals could attend? The Mayor will check on the availability.

#### **Council's approval to destroy old records:**

Mayor Jones asked the council for the approval and a motion to destroy non-essential records dating up to 2011. Martin Crain asked how far back should it go? Mayor Jones noted that legally they could save 7-years of records but in the past, the city had saved 10-years' worth of records. David Gambill made a motion for approval to destroy non-essential records dating up to 2011. 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 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

### **Old Business**

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

Mayor Jones reviewed both March's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 3-31-2021 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$396,550.01
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$292,813.58
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$336,462.19

Mayor Jones announced that Wannda Turner representing Northeast Arkansans for Animals would like to make a presentation to someone. Ms. Turner addressed the council and recognized Bobby Williams, the animal control officer for Brookland. She noted that his service was above and beyond the call. She

presented him with a certificate and a goody bag. She thanked him for all he had done for NAFA and the Mayor also thanked Bobby for his work for the city of Brookland.

**Mayor's Notes:**

- ✓ *Discuss property at 247 Brady Ln.* - Mayor Jones noted that the house that the city owns at 247 Brady Lane is going to be vacated soon and it will need a lot of work before it can be safely rented again. The employee that rents the house now is leaving the department and no employee is interested in renting the house. The Mayor asked the council to go look at the house once it is empty and decided if it is worth renovating or if it needs to be demolished. The topic will be discussed at next month's meeting.
- ✓ *Brookland Parks Committee on April 22, 2021 @ 6pm at City Hall* – Mayor Jones reminded the council and floor of the meeting coming up.

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

Pamela McGee asked if starting the clean sweeps back again was an option. Mayor Jones noted that the clean sweeps are exceedingly difficult to operate. Due to outside individuals that take advantage of the situation, the cost to the city, and the lack of manpower it is not feasible for the city to operate the clean sweep. He noted that there are other options such as requesting a special pick-up performed by Dedman's Sanitation that could help get rid of unwanted items.

Jason Cooper asked about the construction signs going up in the city. Mayor Jones said that the resurfacing of highways 49-B and 49N would begin soon by ARDOT.

**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 7:29 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer