

Brookland City Council Minutes
September 14, 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 August 10, 2020 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 August 10, 2020 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

E-911 Contract with Craighead County and the Cities of Jonesboro, Bay, Brookland, Caraway, Lake City, Monette, Egypt, Cash, Black Oak, Bono:

The E-911 contract with Craighead County and surrounding cities (*Jonesboro, Bay, Brookland, Caraway, Lake City, Monette, Egypt, Cash, Black Oak, and Bono*) has been updated and amended. The city of Brookland as well as the other cities will need to decide if they will accept the new contract. Mayor Jones noted that Attorney Kevin Orr has been active in helping with the updates and changes. Both Attorney Orr and Mayor Jones think that this will be a good contract although there are some changes. It is a three-year contract and there is a board (that Mayor Jones is serving on) that will help settle disputes and give input along the way. After a lengthy discussion of some of the pros and cons, it was decided to accept the new contract. David Gambill made a motion to accept the E-911 Contract. Lacey Elder 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 the E-911 Contract passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Resolution 2020-11 -Setting property millage rate for 2021; retaining current .50 millage rate for real and personal property:

Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2020-11 in its entirety. This resolution is to set the 2021 real and personal property millage for the city of Brookland. The council decided to keep the rate at .50 mills. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-11 as read. Lacey Elder 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 2020-11 passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2020-12 to adopt 2020 Police Policy Manual:

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2020-12 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2020-12 by title only. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to suspend the rules to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2020-12 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2020-12 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2020-12 by title only. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to suspend the rules to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2020-12 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2020-12 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-12 as read. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2020-12 to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2020-12 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2020-12. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause in Ordinance 2020-12 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Update Depository Board 19-8-106:

Mayor Jones notified the council that it was time to update the depository board for the city of Brookland. Current members of the board are Councilman Mike Bishop, Mayor Ken Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus. It was decided to keep these on as members. Lacey Elder made a motion for Councilman Mike Bishop, Mayor Ken Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus to serve on the Depository Board 19-8-106. 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 asked for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Old Business

Ordinance 2020-07 - Rezone property at 34 Crain Rd from A-1 to C-2 – Third and Final Reading:

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2020-07 by title only. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to suspend the rules to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2020-07 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2020-07 by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-07 as read. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2020-07 to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2020-07 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both August's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 8-31-2020 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$195,502.83
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$236,937.44
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$334,849.53

Mayor's Notes:

Flood Plain review by FEMA:

Mayor Jones asked the council if they wanted FEMA to do a Phase II reassessment of the flood plain map for the city of Brookland and surrounding areas. This would cost the city \$22,320.00. FEMA would make a complete reassessment of the area. After a long and thorough discussion, it was decided not to have FEMA do the Phase II reassessment of the flood plain map for the city of Brookland and surrounding areas.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

David Loggins updated the council that the forming of a homeowner's association in the Brookland Hills is not going well, but he is still trying to get homeowners to organize. David stated he was still concerned with speeders in the area and want to know if the city had any updates on the possibility of speed bumps in the subdivision. Mayor Jones stated that the city was still researching the issue.

Mayor Jones told the council there could be some land up for sale if the city wanted to invest for the city ball parks. The mayor wanted to know if the council would be interested enough for him to research the financial possibilities further. The council agreed to have the Mayor research the issue to get more information.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Lacey Elder. 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 8:16pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer