

**Brookland City Council Minutes**  
**February 8, 2016**

Regular Monthly Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones.

Roll Call: Aldermen present: Mike Bishop, Linda Anderson Reece, Justin Langston, Wilson Shipman, William Thompson, Attorney Kevin Orr, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus. David Gambill was absent.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve January 11, 2016 Brookland City Council minutes as written. Seconded by Linda Anderson Reece. 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 motion to accept the city council minutes from January 11, 2016 passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve January 25, 2016 Brookland Special City Council minutes as written. Seconded by William Thompson. 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 motion to accept the city council minutes from January 25, 2016 passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

**New Business**

**Review 2/1/16 Planning Commission minutes:** There was a review of the minutes of the P/C of 2/1/16. There were no questions or comments.

**Resolution 2016-06-Resolution to condemn house on blocks at 177 Brady Lane** – Mayor Jones read a letter from Ms. Jackson that was delivered on 2/8/2016 to city hall. The letter stated that work was trying to be done to the house at 177 Brady Lane. Resolution 2016-06 (*Resolution to condemn house on blocks at 177 Brady Lane*) was read in its entirety by Attorney Kevin Orr. Mike Bishop made motion to accept Resolution 2016-06. Motion was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened motion to council for discussion. There was a long discussion by the members of the council on whether there was work being done to set the house. This house has been on sitting on the lot for many months with no construction taking place. It was decided to continue with the resolution and Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

**2015 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Utility Audit-** Mayor Jones read an audit report from Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. It was an audit done for the 2015 year. Everything was listed as satisfactory. There were no exceptions to the procedures listed in the report and it stated that the staff was extremely helpful in the process. The mayor wanted the council to beware of the audit.

**Ordinance 2016-07 Ordinance 2016-07– Ordinance to accept Logan Street as City Street -**

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2016-07 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made motion to dispense with the (3) day reading requirement rule as allowed by Arkansas Code annotated section 14-55-202. Motion was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to dispense with the (3) day reading requirement rule has passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made motion to accept emergency clause in Section 3 of Ordinance 2016-07 as read. Motion was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to accept emergency clause in Section 3 of Ordinance 2016-07 has passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made motion to accept Ordinance 2016-07 as read. Motion was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened Ordinance 2016-07 to council for discussion. Some questions were raised by the council members as to where the street had ditches and if the street had adequate drainage. Mayor Jones answered the all the questions with satisfaction of the council. Mayor Jones then called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to accept Logan Street as City Street has passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

**5) Cole Stevenson- Land for sale that surrounds the sewer plant-** Mayor Jones wanted the council to beware that Cole Stevenson has land for sale around the sewer plant. There are several acres (80) that could be available. The Mayor wanted to see if this might be something that the city could be interested in purchasing. After a long discussion on the pros and cons, it was decided to check into the matter closer by gathering more information and it would be discussed in a later meeting.

**6) Ordinance 2016-08- Bond Purchasing Ordinance-** Taylor Marshall a bond counsel from Friday, Eldridge & Clark address the city council detailing the Ordinance 2016-08 which is for bond purchasing. He went over the different sections with the help of Marshall Hughes from Crews & Associates and gave an overview of the ordinance. The Mayor then asked for a motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Mike Bishop made the motion and it was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin

Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading had passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Attorney Taylor Marshall read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2016-08 by title.

Mike Bishop made the motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and it was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading had passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Attorney Taylor Marshall read the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2016-08 by title.

Mike Bishop made the motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and it was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading had passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Attorney Taylor Marshall read the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2016-08 by title.

Mike Bishop made the motion to accept Ordinance 2016-08 as read and it was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading had passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made the motion that we accept the emergency clause in Section 25 of Ordinance 2016-08 and it was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop, yes; Linda Anderson Reece, yes; Wilson Shipman, yes; William Thompson, yes; Justin Langston, yes. Mayor Jones announced motion to dispense the rule & read by title only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading had passed 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Mayor Jones asked for a 10 minute recess. The motion was made by Linda Anderson Reece and was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays. Session in recess at 8:10 PM.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to go back in session. Motion was made by Wilson Shipman and was seconded by Linda Anderson Reece and. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays. Council back in session at 8:20 PM.

**7) Ordinance 2016-08- Biased Police Policy-** Mayor Jones and Attorney Orr are still in the process of working on this project. The Ordinance should be ready for March's meeting.

### **Old Business**

**Arkansas State Police Electronic Tickets- Update on this matter-** The inter-local agreement that was drafted by Attorney Orr was to be introduced at the Quorum Court meeting in Jonesboro at the 2/8/16 meeting. There are still three local cities that need to pass this agreement at their council meeting this month (February). More information will be available later.

**Ordinance 2016-01- Ordinance to accept Dooley Street as a city street-** Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2016-01 second reading in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2016-01. Motion was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened motion to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote for the motion on the floor. Mayor Jones announced motion to accept the second reading passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

**Community Development Block Grant** (*installation of sewer to Brady Lane, Nelda Lane, Keith Road, and Manley Lane*). Mayor Jones stated that the census in the area was finished. They are working on the numbers now to see if the grant can be filed.

**Arkansas Local Police & Fire Retirement System (LOPFI)** –Mayor Jones asked Attorney Orr to look over the court case to see if it is a requirement or an option to join this program. Attorney Orr read the law and saw this to be an option, not requirement. The Mayor of Paragould, Mike Gaskill was also consulted because he is on the LOPFI board and he also stated it was not a requirement. Some of the city officers were interested in the program and there is a meeting planned to discuss the pros and cons of the program to them.

**Previous Month's Financials** – Mayor Jones reviewed January Financial Reports. The following are 01-31-16 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$157,881.15
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$69,524.57
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$262,853.59

**Mayor's Notes –**

**Approval from council to pay David Gambill; absence due to illness-** Mayor Jones asked for a motion to pay David Gambill for the month of February's meeting because of his illness. Mayor Jones stated that Ordinance 2015-01 stated that council & city clerk salary could be paid if the reason was because of illness or family death. William Thompson made a motion to do so and it was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Mayor Jones asked the council to add an additional item to the agenda. Justin Langston made a motion to do so and it was seconded by Linda Anderson Reece. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

**Audie Cox - building at 407 Holman for sale-** Mayor Jones announced that Audie Cox had some property that he would be interested in selling to the city. Mr. Cox stated the property was located next to the police station and he was asking \$25,000. The matter was discussed in some detail and it was decided to gather more information and look at the property. The issue will be addressed in next month's meeting.

Mayor Jones asked if there were any other issues that need to be discussed. The council asked if the city received the grant to purchase a grader. The Mayor stated that the city did not get the grant but they would re-apply for the grant a second time. It was also discussed about some grants that were in process to pave roads east of the railroad tracks and that it was still a work in progress. Also, the possibility to widen streets was brought up with discussion and further investigation into the matter.

Wilson Shipman made motion to adjourn. Seconded by William Thompson. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, Recorder