

Brookland City Council Minutes
April 12, 2016

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve March 14, 2016 Brookland City Council minutes as written. Seconded by David Gambill. 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 March 14, 2016 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Review 4/1/16 Planning Commission Minutes – The Planning Commission Minutes of April 1st were reviewed and there was no comments or questions.

Re-Appoint Kevin Orr as city attorney for 4 years. It was brought to the attention of the council by Mayor Jones that it was time to re-appoint Kevin Orr as the city's attorney. Linda Anderson Reece made the motion to appoint Kevin Orr as Brookland City Attorney to expire April 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Justin Langston. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a roll call vote.

Mike Bishop, Yes Linda Anderson Reece, Yes Justin Langston, Yes

Wilson Shipman, Yes William Thompson, Yes David Gambill, Yes

Mayor Jones announced motion to appoint Kevin Orr as Brookland City Attorney through April 30, 2020 passed by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Resolution 2016-10 – *to set look back policy for part time employees from 1/1-12/31 of active work year regarding health insurance coverage* – Mayor Jones stated Resolution 2016-10 was ready to be presented to the council, however CA Kevin Orr asked that we take no action on the resolution tonight to give him more time to research issue further. No action taken will be presented at the council meeting May 9, 2016 meeting.

Purchase Gravely riding mower; 60" cut; 33 HP Kohler engine; 3 yr. warranty – Mayor Jones stated that the Utility Department needed a new riding mower. The current Bad Boy Mower is worn out. The Gravely pro-turn 252 that is used now used in the street department is worn some, but is still a very good mower. Sharp's Small Engines gave the city a quote for a new

Gravely riding mower; 60" cut; 33 HP Kohler engine with a 3 yr. warranty at \$10,835.12. Mr. Sharp also gave a market value of \$4200.00 to the used Pro-Turn 250 mower. Since the Pro-Turn 250 mower is an asset in the street department fund, it would need to be sold to the city's utility department for \$4,200.00 where it would be used less than if it stayed in street department. Mayor Jones said he talked with Billy Pirtle, street supervisor and Tim Harrington, Water/Wastewater Superintendent and they agreed the Gravely Pro-Turn 252 would be a good lawn mower for the utility department. This would put the new mower with full 3 year warranty in the street department where it will be used daily. Mayor Jones stated with the \$4200.00 from the street department for the Pro-Turn 252 the actual cost to the street department would be \$6,635.12. A motion was made by Mike Bishop to purchase the Gravely riding mower; 60" cut; 33 HP Kohler engine with a 3 yr. warranty from Sharp's Small Engines at a price of \$10,835.12. It was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. The motion to purchase the Gravely mower passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Proclamation - May 2016 as National Preservation Month – Mayor Jones read a proclamation stating that May 2016 will be proclaimed as National Preservation & Arkansas Heritage month. He called upon the people of Brookland to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing & participating in this special observance.

Old Business

Cole Stevenson- Land for sale that surrounds the sewer plant- Mayor Jones announced to the council that he asked Mr. Stevenson (as instructed by the council) if he would take \$5500 an acre for the land that he had for sale. Mr. Stevenson told Mayor Jones he would not take \$5500.00 dollars an acre but would think it over and get back with him. Mayor Jones said Mr. Stevenson has not gotten back with him to date. However, Mayor Jones said Steve Phillips has 57 acres that he would be interested selling to the city at \$5500 per acre. It is located east of Union Pacific Railroad on Davidson Lane. In the coming week the Mayor and council members are get with Mr. Phillips and look at the land and report back their findings at the regular scheduled May council meeting for further discussion.

Ordinance 2016-01- Ordinance to accept Dooley Street as a city street- Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2016-01 3rd and final reading in its entirety. William Thompson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2016-01 as read. Seconded by Wilson Shipman. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened Ordinance 2016-01 to council for discussion. Mr. Dooley who was present at the meeting was asked about making a turn around on the end of the road. Mr. Dooley said he was not interested in giving property to make a turn-around at the end of the road. After a lengthy discussion and addressing the pros and cons of the situation, it was

decided that a turn-around was not needed. Mayor Jones asked if there was any further discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a roll call vote.

Mike Bishop, Yes Linda Anderson Reece, Yes Justin Langston, Yes

Wilson Shipman, Yes William Thompson, Yes David Gambill, Yes

Mayor Jones announced motion to accept Ordinance 2016-01- to accept Dooley Street as a city street had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

177 Brady Lane condemnation- update. – The mayor wanted to update the council on the condemnation process of 177 Brady Lane. Attorney Orr has found the land owner and home owner. He is drafting a letter to let them know of the proceeding. An update will be available at a later meeting.

WIP 2016-01 - Update - test well bids – The bid for the drilling of the test hole was submitted on Thursday, April 07, 2016 at Brookland City Hall. Two (2) bids were received for the project. The low bid of \$47,140.00 was submitted by Layne Christensen Co. of Stuttgart, Arkansas. The paperwork is being filed for approval and drilling should began in early May.

Previous Month’s Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed March Financial Reports. The following are 3-31-16 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$199,954.07
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$72,797.61
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$291,923.45

Request to add more to the agenda – Mayor Jones asked the council to add an item to the agenda. Linda Anderson Reece made a motion to do so and it was seconded by Wilson Shipman. Mayor Jones called for a vote and announced motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Property at 407 Holman- Mayor Jones announced last month 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 at 407 Holman and he was asking \$25 thousand. The matter was discussed in some detail and it was decided to gather more information and look at the property.

After looking and inspecting the property, it was decided by the council that they would be interested in buying this property and to renovate it for a community outlet for the city. Justin Langston made a motion to purchase the property at 407 Holman at a price of twenty-five thousand dollars. The motion was seconded by William Thompson. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. The motion to purchase 407 Holman passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

A second motion was made by Justin Langston for Mayor Jones to get a loan at the cheapest interest rate for fifty thousand dollars so that the city could purchase 407 Holman and do renovation. The motion was seconded by Linda Anderson Reece. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. The motion for Mayor Jones to pursue a loan to purchase 407 Holman and renovate passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mayor's Notes – Mayor Jones informed the council that the city had received a quote for the electric connects for the lift stations at a cost of \$22,100.00. The electric connects were needed so that the new generator could be used on the lift stations. There were (7) electric connects that are needed to be set. French Electric should be starting this in early May.

The mayor also informed the council of the Convention that was coming up in June. The dates for the meeting is set for June 15-17 in Little Rock. Mayor Jones needs to know who will all attend so that he can set up the arrangements.

Other discussions that were noted was by the council:

There is a house at 300 Eason that has a permanent yard sale. Items are sitting in front for sale all the time. Will you look in to this and see if it violates ordinances. 300 Eason has items that may need covered or put behind a fence. Mayor Jones said he will get the police officers to look in to this issue.

William Thompson stated there is need for street lights at both curves on Hayes Street. Dark of night you cannot see when you drive through the area. Mayor Jones said they will talk to residents that live in between the two curves and see if they want street lights.

At 206 Eason, there is a poorly maintained house in the area that may need some attending. Said house had no running water inside residence. Mayor Jones stated they have utilities at 206 Eason. Chief Rusher spoke to the council stating the city had checked into this address a few years ago and there was nothing that the city could do. The mayor said that he would look into these issues to what can be done.

Wilson Shipman made motion to adjourn. Second by David Gambill. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, Recorder