

Brookland City Council Minutes
March 13, 2017

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

Roll Call: Aldermen present: Mike Bishop, Jean Gandy, David Gambill, Wilson Shipman, Martin Crain, Maghen Carpenter, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus. Absent Attorney Kevin Orr.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve February 13, 2017 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 February 13, 2017 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve February 27, 2017 Brookland Special 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 February 27, 2017 special meeting passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Mallory Grimes-Brookland Helping Hands Committee Update: – Mallory stated that things were moving in a positive direction and the committee has formulated an application as well as flyers for this project. The application will need to be approved by the city attorney but could be available by next week. She also stated that the committee is looking to recruit male volunteers for the committee.

Old Business

WIP 2016-01 - well & tank-field project update from Jason MacDonald with Civil Engineering Associates– Jason MacDonald updated the council on the new-well process. All the pre-construction conferences have been completed and all the submittals have been approved. Construction should start very soon, it being based on the weather. The tank will be fabricated in Indiana, then shipped here. Alderman Bishop asked if beacons would be required for the tank. Jason responded that they would be necessary.

Brookland State City Address – Mayor Jones gave his yearly Brookland State of the City Address to the council. In his address, he spoke of the financial improvements the city had over the course of 2016. He spoke of the many projects that the city had accomplished for the improvement of the city. He stated that the city was growing, as well as the school district and there should be ample opportunity for growth in the future.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed February's Financial Reports. The following are 2-28-17 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$212,650.28
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$120,690.17
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$319,193.20

Mayor's Notes –

Update on Well #1 (N. Hickory St)-The Hickory Well went down on 2/4/17. The pump was pulled and system is currently running on a submersible pump. A new pump was scheduled to be installed on 3/11/17, however due to the inclement weather it has been scheduled to be installed this coming weekend if possible (3/18/17).

Mayor Jones stated that he needed to add an item (Proclamation) to the agenda. Alderman Gambill made a motion to do so. It was seconded by Alderman Bishop. 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 had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mayor Jones read the Brookland Pride Proclamation to the council. This proclamation states that April 1st of 2017 through October 31st of 2017 will be designated as Brookland Pride months to encourage residents to help clean up the city of Brookland of unsightly and unsanitary conditions. The Mayor and council fully endorse this proclamation.

Water Superintendent Tim Harrington address the council stating that he thought the council and Mayor Jones should consider giving themselves more monetary compensation since it has been awhile since the last increase. He stated that the Mayor as well as the council works very hard to keep the city running efficiency and should be rewarded. There was some discussion on the matter but no action was taken.

There was also a discussion from the floor about cleaning the city and the action that should be taken to achieve this goal. There were inputs from different floor members, as well as council members making recommendations to make Brookland a more appealing town. Alderman Crain stated that he and Alderman Shipman had been driving around town together discussing ways to clean the town up. All members support the proclamation that was read earlier in the meeting and want to make the city of Brookland a success.

Before adjourning, Mayor Jones noted that Tony Thomas was at the meeting. Mr. Thomas introduced himself to the council and the floor. He stated he enjoyed working with Mayor Jones and Mayor Jones represented the City of Brookland well at all the meetings in which he is involved with. Mr. Thomas said he and County Judge Ed Hill would help the city anyway possible. Tony has served as the Assistant to the County Judge since January 2011. Prior to joining Craighead County, he was the Project/Grant Administrator with the City of Jonesboro.

Alderman Crain made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Alderman Gambill. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer