

Brookland City Council Minutes
July 9, 2018

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve June 11, 2018 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was 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 the motion to accept the city council minutes from June 11, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Jim Stark— Mr. Stark was unable to attend the meeting, so Mayor Jones passed out the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Report for the month of June. The Mayor reviewed some of the graphs in the book and noted that an aerial spray was scheduled for the week of July 9th. The council questioned the spraying schedule of Vector. It was noted that the spraying is usually done later at night around 10 PM.

Purple Heart Proclamation – Designates the City of Brookland as Purple Heart City – Mayor Jones read the Purple Heart Proclamation to the council and floor. This proclamation designates the city of Brookland as a Purple Heart city. The Mayor thanked all the veterans that are serving and have served our country of the United States of America.

Proposed 2018 election annexation map review by the City Council – Mayor Jones noted that the council should have received a map of the proposed area of the 2018 annexation in their packets. He also had printed color pictures noting the proposed annexation area. He asked the council if they had reviewed the maps and asked if there were any questions or comments on the subject. There were none.

Ordinance 2018-11 – Calling for the election, setting the date, and setting the ballot description – Attorney Kevin Orr gave the council the options of the different types of readings for the ordinance that is presented. After hearing these options, David Gambill made a motion to suspend the three readings rule for Ordinance 2018-11 and to read by title only. The motion was seconded by Jean Gandy. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. It was noted that Ordinance 2018-11 had six pages of legal description that identified the boundaries of the proposed annexed area. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Maghen Carpenter: Y. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2018-11 by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-11 as read. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second then opens Ordinance 2018-11 to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones calls for a roll call

vote. Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Maghen Carpenter: Y, David Gambill: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, Mike Bishop: Y. Mayor Jones announces Ordinance 2018-11 passes by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr reads Section 9, the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 2018-11. Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept the Emergency Clause, Section 9 of Ordinance 2018-11 as read. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second then opens the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones calls for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, David Gambill: Y, Maghen Carpenter: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y. Mayor Jones announces motion to accept the Emergency Clause of Ordinance 2018-11, Section 9 passes by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

David Heckethorn – Wants to address the council about his damaged water meter – David Heckethorn addressed the council about a bill he received in the mail stating that he owed the city for a damaged water meter on his property. The city replaced the radio (or MXU) and connection cord on the water meter, due to damages that appeared to be cause by a lawnmower. Mr. Heckethorn stated that he contracts his lawn services out and that his lawn contractor states that they did not do the damage. Water Superintendent, Tim Harrington was the one that replaced the parts on the meter but wasn't at the meeting to comment because he was on vacation. After several questions about the meter and its placement, it was decided to wait until August's meeting to discuss this subject in full detail so that Mr. Harrington could have input.

Old Business

WIP 2016-01 – well & tank-field project update from Jason MacDonald with Civil Engineering Associates– Jason updated the council that the new well is online but hasn't filled the tank yet. It can produce water and is scheduled for inspection on June 19th. He noted that the line-work by Mr. Rainwater should be done in a couple of weeks.

Jason passed out a hand-out to the council that showed the that bids for the North Oak waterline extension were received on June 28th with GCE, Inc. of Paragould being the low bidder. Jason recommended that the council approve them for the job. Martin Crain made a motion to accept the bid for the North Oak waterline extension by GCE, Inc. of Paragould for \$61,992.00. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones states motion and second then opens the motion to the council for discussion. Martin asked how soon they could get to work on this project and how long would it take. Mr. Crain also asked what size water line would be used. Jason answered that an 8" line would be used, and the work could start as soon as August and should be completed in 90 days once work began. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the bid had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Ordinance 2018-09 to rezone 628 Holman from R2 to C2 – Brent Meeks was at the meeting representing Meeks Properties & Investments LLC. He asked the council if it was possible to finish the reading process to rezone 628 Holman to C2. The first reading was read last month in June's meeting. Mr. Meeks stated that they were advertising the lots and said it would help to sell the property if they could list it as C2. After a brief discussion, Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules for the reading requirements and read by title only. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no further

questions, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Maghen Carpenter: Y. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and read by title only had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2018-09 by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept final reading Ordinance 2018-09 as read. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second then opens Ordinance 2018-09 to the council for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones calls for a roll call vote. Maghen Carpenter: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Mike Bishop: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, David Gambill: Y. Mayor Jones announces the final reading of Ordinance 2018-09 passes by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed June's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 6-30-18 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$156,356.68
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$75,646.43
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$363,788.20

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ The UnSightly/Tallgrass Ordinance 2018 and the considering of amending the personnel handbook will be addressed in August meeting due to the heavy agenda in July.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? Wilson Shipman asked about the street work that is to be done on Oak and Matthews. Mayor Jones said that project would be resume shortly. Martin Crain asked about purchasing some culvert material located in Jonesboro, but Mayor Jones stated that it wasn't for sale.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? Several residents from the surrounding areas spoke about the proposed annexation that will be coming up on the ballot in the next general election. Most stated that they didn't know if it was a good idea to expand the boundaries of the city of Brookland. Several council members pointed out the reasoning, as well as the benefits of the annexation. These residents were still concerned about how the annexation would affect their lands if brought into the city limits. The people were allowed to voice their opinions for about 15 minutes, then it was noted that the issue would be decided by the vote of the people in November.

David Gambill made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Maghen Carpenter. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to adjourn passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer