

Brookland City Council Minutes September 10, 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 August 13, 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 August 13, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve August 20, 2018 Brookland City Council special meeting 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 special meeting minutes from August 20, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Jim Stark– Jim passed out the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Report for the month of August to the council. The report noted the all the different applications of mosquito control Vector applied in the month. There were also several ground and aerial spray applications in the report with another aerial scheduled for mid-September. Jim noted that the mosquito population is on the decline since the rice is being harvested. Service will continue for the year until the middle of October. It was also noted that Vector has one more year left on their contract.

David Heckethorn – To address & review with the council about his damaged water meter – Mr. Heckethorn was not able to attend the meeting, but he sent a letter that Mayor Jones read to the council. The letter noted that Mr. Heckethorn said he didn't feel he was responsible for the water meter since it appeared that the damaged was done by a lawnmower. He stated his lawn care service denied doing the damage. Tim Harrington, Brookland City Water Superintendent told the council that he was the one who replaced the meter and notice that Mr. Heckethorn's yard was freshly mowed at that time. Martin Crain made a motion that the city abide by the ordinance that home owner is responsible for the damage of the water meter. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Wilson Shipman asked if there might be guarding that could be put around the meters. Mayor Jones is going to investigate the possibility (as discussed later in the meeting). Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Take Hwy 49B into Brookland city as a city street – Mayor noted that it could be a possibility that the city could adopt Hwy 49B as a city street. The option was discussed in the special meeting in August. The city of Brookland and ARDOT are working on a plan, including making the intersection a four way stop, then the middle lane would be for thru traffic and left turns, and the right lane would be a right turn

only lane. The issue was tabled until more information is gathered from ARDOT, who are still consulting with engineers about this option.

Homeland/FEMA Draft Flood Plain map – Mayor Jones noted to the council that more information is being gathered about the Flood Plain maps. He stated that there has been a lot of talk and speculation, but the maps are still just a draft and they can be changed. The Mayor said there will be meeting with higher officials and more information investigated about the labeling of areas in the city as flood plains which wouldn't be a good thing for the city. More information will be available at next month's meeting.

Adopt 2017 NEC Electrical Code – Kevin Orr read the first reading of Ordinance 2018-13 in its entirety. This is an ordinance to provide for the adoption by reference of the National Electric Code. The other reading will occur in coming meetings.

Veterans Memorial – talk about location – Mayor Jones presented to the council about the possible location of the Veterans Memorial. He noted that a good place might be between the new storm shelter room and the museum/library. He noted that he would like to start the work on the issue and maybe form a committee of veterans in the city to help with the idea. More information will be obtained and reported back to the council.

Kenneth Brewer – address council about fee for change-out meter on Egg Farm Rd. – There was no one at the meeting representing Mr. Brewer. No action was taken.

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 work is mostly completed; just a few minor things that need to be done. He noted that work is being done with the surplus monies on North Oak and upgrades to the south of the city. He also noted that information is being sought on the solution to handle the old tank/well on the east side of town. There was some discussion on the matter about what could be done and what would be best for the city, but more intel needs to gathered before an intelligent decision can be made.

Unsightly/Tallgrass Ordinance 2018. – Mayor Jones asked the council if they have the chance to look at the Unsightly/Tallgrass Ordinance that had been passed out to them in a previous meeting. He asked if they were ok with it and asked if they thought the customer complain form would be a good thing to add. The council agreed, so Attorney Kevin Orr will write the Ordinance for them to pass at next month's meeting.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed August's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 8-31-18 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$158,976.57
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$65,571.63
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$383,785.71

Mayor's Notes:

Sell 2011 Chevrolet truck to Utility department & putting proceeds toward payoff of 2015 Tahoe -

The mayor reminded the council that the 2011 4X4 Chevrolet from Police Department would be sold to the Utility department and the proceeds would be put toward the payoff of the 2015 Tahoe used by the Police Department with the rest going into the Equipment Fund since monies were moved out of the fund to help pay for the new trucks for the BP department.

Lease Agreement for use of old city park on Cherry Street- The Mayor said that it would be possible for the city to lease the old city park for 3 to 4 months until the new park gets up and going. Mayor Jones presented the draft of the lease to the council, but it was decided not to lease the park since fall and winter were so close. The city will start to move its equipment from the park soon.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? There was none.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? The subject of guarding the water meters was brought back to the attention of the mayor and council. After a lengthy discussion on the issue, it was decided that Mayor Jones will investigate the possible solutions of guarding of the meters and the handling of the damage meters from users of these products in other cities.

It was asked if the paving of Eason Street was near starting. The Mayor said the prep work has already started.

It was asked if there was any more information on the retention pond @ 401 W. Matthews that was discussed in August's meeting. Mayor Jones stated that that project would not be taking place at this time.

Wilson Shipman 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 8:10 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer