

Brookland City Council Minutes
October 8, 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 September 10, 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 September 10, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Update – An update for September was not available. This could be due to the fact that City Hall was closed Monday the 8th. A report should be available next month.

2018-02 Container Ordinance Review – Brookland Schools request. – Mayor Jones asked the council to review Ordinance 2018-02 which pertained to the regulation of portable storage units. The Brookland Schools have approached the city about adding one to their maintenance area. Also, there is a business that may be interested in coming to Brookland that operates out of a similar type structure. Attorney Kevin Orr stated the business should be exempt from the ordinance. After a discussion by the council it was decided to amend the ordinance so that the council could review upon request for approval of such structures on an individual basis. Attorney Orr will amend the ordinance and present it to the council next month for approval.

Purchase of 2004 Flat Bed truck – Replacement for 1986 Chevy Dump truck – Mayor Jones asked the council before the meeting to look at the 2004 Flat Bed truck that was in the parking lot. The mayor stated that the city needed to replace the 1986 Chevy Dump truck owned by the city. After a discussion by the council on the pros and cons of purchasing the truck, David Gambill made a motion for the mayor to make a bid of eight thousand dollars for the 2004 flat bed truck and to sell 1986 Chevy dump truck. The motion was seconded by Jean Gandy. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Ordinance 2018-14 - Request for 35 mph speed limit on Eason starting at Maple Slough Ditch extending south – Due to the newly paved portion of Eason, an ordinance was needed to set the speed limit south of the Maple Slough Ditch extending south.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2018-14 1st reading. Mike Bishop makes a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2018-14 by title only. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second opens motion to suspend the rules to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2018-14 by title only passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2018-14 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2018-14 by title only. David Gambill

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Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2018-14 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-14 as read. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second opens Ordinance 2018-14 to council for discussion. David Gambill stated that the speed limit needs to be set since the road has been recently paved. Mike Bishop agreed and has witnessed vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones calls for roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Maghen Carpenter: Y. Mayor Jones announces Ordinance 2018-14 passed by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2018-14. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second opens to council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2018-14 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Old Business

Adopt 2017 NEC Electrical Code – Mike Bishop made a motion to read the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-13 by title only. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr read the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2018-13 by title only. This is an ordinance to provide for the adoption by reference of the 2017 National Electric Code. The third and final reading will occur at November's meeting.

Veteran's Memorial – Update – Mayor Jones stated he was working to get a committee formed to look at the design of the veteran's memorial. He said there are several students at east lab that are willing to help, as well as some veterans. Once the Mayor gets the list finalized, he will update the council.

Unsightly/Tallgrass Ordinance 2018. – Attorney Kevin Orr re-drafted and amended the Unsightly/Tallgrass Ordinance with new language and updated clauses. Ordinance 2018-15 was given to the council for review. It was decided by the council to fully view all changes before voting on accepting the ordinance. This issue will be address at next month's meeting.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed September's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 9-30-18 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$152,941.10
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$66,832.70
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$382,751.70

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **Holman and School Street update:**

Mayor told the council that there has been no update on the intersection of Holman and School Street. He and Brad Smithee are still working to get information from the state and other agencies. Once that information has been obtained, it will be passed along to the council.

✓ **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 from residents to get the maps adjusted. This is a work in progress and is being addressed for the betterment of the city of Brookland. Updates will be forth coming.

✓ **Discuss the sale of Brookland Medical Clinic @102 W. Smith:**

The Mayor stated that he received a proposed asking price for the Brookland Medical Clinic building @ 102 West Smith. The price was way out of the budget for the city and the council decided not to act on the issue.

✓ **Remodeling of City Hall:**

Mayor Jones addressed the council about the limited space of the administration area of City Hall. He noted that there was a need to increase the working area of the water clerk as well as a new office space to accommodate the increase in business. The Mayor is working on the plans and will present them to the council in the upcoming meetings.

✓ **Early voting starts October 22nd @ Brookland City Hall:**

Mayor Jones announced that early voting for the general election starts on October 22nd and citizens will be available to vote at Brookland City Hall.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? Martin Crain voiced a concern from a family member living on North Oak Street about a truck with a camper blocking the street view. There is a truck with a camper parked near the street that is blocking the view of oncoming traffic for vehicles backing out into the street. Martin was asking if there is an ordinance that prohibited this from happening. Mayor Jones said that he thought there was and would research the matter.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? Andrea Alley asked the mayor about updates on the new park and the library. The Mayor stated that the city is still waiting and searching for grant money to help with the new park and stated that the city is still waiting on the building to be emptied on 401 Holman where the library is to be located.

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 7:47 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer