

Brookland City Council Minutes
February 11, 2019

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

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

Attorney Kevin Orr presented Maghen Carpenter's letter of resignation to the council. Mrs. Carpenter is moving outside the city of Brookland and her resignation letter was dated February 11, 2019 @ 6:30 pm. The council position of Ward 1 Position 2 is now open and needs to be filled.

Mayor Jones invited the (3) candidates that were interested in the position to approach the council for questioning. The (3) persons were Chris Miller, Jason Cooper, and Samantha Sparks. Kevin Orr asked each one some legal questions to make sure they were qualified. The council then asked some more questions gathering info on the candidates. After all questioning was complete, the council did a roll call vote to see who would fill the empty council position.

Mike Bishop: *Jason Cooper;* **Lacey Elder:** *Jason Cooper;* **David Gambill:** *Samantha Sparks,*
Wilson Shipman: *Jason Cooper,* **Martin Crain:** *Chris Miller;*

Jason Cooper received three votes and is now the council member representing Ward 1 Position 2. Mayor Jones swore-in Mr. Cooper and he started his tenure immediately.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve January 14, 2019 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 January 14, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Review biased Law Enforcement policy –

Mayor Jones stated that the City of Brookland is required to review this police policy each year. He asked City Attorney Kevin Orr to review and suggest changes if any are needed. Kevin Orr said that no changes were needed. Mayor Jones announced that the city would continue the current biased law enforcement policy per Resolution 2016-09.

Ordinance 2019-03 - Rezone Leon Glenn property @ Hwy 49 & Crain Rd. -

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2019-03 in its entirety. Mike Bishop makes a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2019-03 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 2019-03 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2019-03 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-03 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-03 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2019-03 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-03 as read. Martin Crain seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second opens Ordinance 2019-03 to council for discussion. Martin Crain questioned who was asking to rezone this property. Mayor Jones stated that it was Chad Overman from Overman Buildings, Inc. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones calls for roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announces Ordinance 2019-03 passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2019-04 – Approving the acceptance & dedication of all public improvements within Phase 3 of Brookland Hills subdivision -

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2019-04 in its entirety. Mike Bishop makes a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2019-04 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 2019-04 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2019-04 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-04 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 third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-04 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr reads Ordinance 2019-04 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-04 as read. David Gambill seconds motion. Mayor Jones states motion and second opens Ordinance 2019-04 to council for discussion. Wilson Shipman questioned if this was the last phase. Mayor Jones stated that that was still one more to come. Kevin Orr announced that there was a letter of credit attached, that names the city of Brookland as its beneficiary. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones calls for roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announces Ordinance 2019-04 passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2019-04, Section 5. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and seconded, the opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a row call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2019-04, Section 5 passed 6 yays to 0 nays.

Jon Moore, Chief of Police to discuss employee safety while doing disconnects and collections –

Chief Moore was not able to attend the meeting. This issue will be address at next month’s meeting.

Old Business

Discuss the option of Franchise Bond to help move/upgrade of School Street & Hwy 49 Intersection forward in 2019:

Mayor Jones noted to the council that there has been no news for this project. The issue will be picked back-up at next month's meeting.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed January's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 1-31-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$154,463.66
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$84,089.10
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$381,941.50

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **Maghen Carpenter's resignation letter:**

This issue was discussed early in this meeting.

✓ **Discuss Medical Clinic: New options:**

Mayor Jones noted the Medical Clinic building owners had proposed a new offer to the city. The details were discussed but it was decided that the city doesn't need to pursue the offer at this time.

✓ **Prioritize city streets for next state aid cycle 2021:**

Mayor Jones asked the council for their help into looking at the streets that deserve the most prioritization for the next state aid cycle that will be in 2021. The council noted they would gather information and report back to the Mayor with their suggestions.

✓ **Bobby Williams – Address the council about a new dog pound location:**

City employee Bobby Williams and part of the animal control for the city, addressed the council about a new location for a dog pound. He noted that with the rapid growth of the city, the pound that the city has now was not adequate. The new location that Mr. Williams suggested is located off Barnett Street known as Tract 2 of the Harriet Akers property and is own by the city. The council asked if this would be a suitable place with access to the proper utilities. Bobby said it would. The council gave their approval to relocate. Mayor Jones stated that the city would investigate the planning, design, and cost; then report back to the council.

✓ **Notify council members of special meeting on February 25, 2019 at 7pm to discuss proposed re-zone of 10 acres on Hayes Street from A-1 to R-1:**

Mayor Jones noted that a special council meeting was needed on February 25, 2019 at 7pm to discuss a proposed re-zone of (10) acres on Hayes Street from A-1 to R-1. The Planning Commission will meet prior to the council meeting. The special meeting is needed to expedite the process. The council agreed.

✓ **Appointment for the Planning Commission:**

Mayor Jones brought to the attention of the council that a position needed to be filled on the Planning Commission. He noted that Samantha Sparks was interested in serving on the commission and that he was recommending her to the council. Wilson Shipman made a motion to appoint Samantha Sparks to the Brookland Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no

discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to appoint Samantha Sparks to the Brookland Planning Commission had passed 6 yays to 0 nays.

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Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Lacey Elder. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to adjourn passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer