

Brookland City Council Minutes
March 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, Jason Cooper, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Attorney Kevin Orr, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve February 11, 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 February 11, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve February 25, 2019 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 February 25, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Open Public Hearing on bond issue for Solar Panel field –

Mayor Jones opened the Public Hearing at 7:10pm on the bond issue for the Solar Panel field. Attorney Michele Allgood from Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C spoke to the council with information on the bond issue. Several questions arose about the tax situation and the benefits of the city. It was explained by Ms. Allgood and Attorney Kevin Orr that the citizens of Brookland would not be responsible for the taxes. It would all be filtered through Today's Power and Craighead Electric. The benefit would be the city of Brookland would be considered as a green energy service which could help bring in future businesses. Public Hearing closed at 7:25pm.

Ordinance 2019-07 - Adopting Bond Issue for Solar Panel field -

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the three-reading rule requirement for Ordinance 2019-07 and read by title only. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated that motion and second and opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the three-reading rule requirement for Ordinance 2019-07 and read by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

City Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-07 by title only. This is an Ordinance to authorize the issuance of industrial development revenue bonds under the municipalities and counties industrial development revenue bond law for the purpose of securing and developing industry; to authorize the sale of the bonds and the approval of a bond purchase agreement and a payment in lieu of taxes agreement in connection therewith; to authorize the execution and delivery of a trust indenture securing the bonds; to authorize and prescribe certain matters pertaining to the project, the acquisition, construction, and equipping thereof, and the financing thereof; to authorize the execution and delivery of a lease agreement relating to the project; and for other purposes.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-07 as read. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened Ordinance 2019-07 to council for discussion. Being no further discussion on the issue and motion, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced Ordinance 2019-07 passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Annual Bond Report – \$4.7 million Water Improvement Project 2018 -

Mayor Jones passed out the report for the annual Bond report for the \$4.7 million 2016 Sales and use Tax Bond series. The report stated the collection of revenue of the 2% sales tax by year-to-date.

Old Business

Re-establish Service at Same Address Fee:

This is regarding charging a fee for repeat service calls to same meter to connect and disconnect services. Mayor Jones noted that more information is being gathered on this issue and will be brought back with a possible change in policy on this and other utility related matters at a later meeting.

Previous Month’s Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed February’s Financial Checking Account Reports.

The following are 2-28-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$172,496.50
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$92,402.59
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$368,731.80

Mayor’s Notes:

✓ **State of the City Address:**

Mayor Jones gave his annual State of the City Address to the council and floor. He told about the happenings of 2018 and the improvements of the city. See attached report.

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

Mayor Jones reminded 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.

✓ **AML Convention:**

Mayor Jones announced that the Arkansas Municipal League Convention would be held in Little Rock in June. He wanted to get a rough estimate of who would be interested in attending.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? Martin Crain recognized the cub scouts that were in attendance. Mr. Crain also question the Police Captain about the new vehicles that were purchased for the police department last year. Captain Settlemoir noted that all is well and the new trucks were much needed. Mayor Jones noted that Cecelie Cochran, MPO Director for Northeast AR Regional Transportation Planning Commission was in attendance.

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

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Martin Crain. 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 7:50pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer