

Brookland City Council Minutes
June 10, 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 May 13, 2019 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 May 13, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Tim Short: 2017 Utility Audit –

Mr. Short was not present at the meeting.

Connie Williams & company – To address the council about citizens not mowing their lawns –

Ms. Williams and the others were not present at the meeting.

Appoint Storm Water Discharge Committee – Approval by Council –

Mayor Jones stated that he was still working on this committee. He had some names but is still in the process of gathering more. He will have a report at next month's meeting.

Discuss closing City Hall on 7/5/19. Allow employees to use comp or vacation day –

Mayor Jones asked the council if they were ok with City Hall closing on July 5, 2019. Mayor Jones noted that several employees have asked about being off due to the 5th being on a Friday after the July 4th in which the City is closed. The council agreed with the employees using comp or vacation time for the 5th.

Brookland School has asked the city to hire a 2nd SRO officer –

Police Chief Jon Moore and Mayor Jones announced that Brookland Public Schools are interested in adding another School Resource Officer from the city of Brookland. That would make (2) Brookland officers being SROs. The school would pay the salary for nine months with the city of Brookland paying for remaining three summer months of the year. The council agreed that this was a good idea. The city will start taking applications at once with the new position hopefully starting in August.

Discuss changing the policy of collecting payment of past due utility bills at the customer door –

Mayor Jones wanted the council to be aware of a possible change in the collecting of payments at the door during shut offs. Information is still being gathered on how best to handle the situation. Different ideas were mentioned with maybe the use of new technologies being an option. The subject will be discussed at later meeting.

Old Business

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed May's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 5-31-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$133,123.12
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$111,618.18
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$317,496.29

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **Discuss Ordinance 2013-04:**

Mayor Jones asked the council to review this ordinance. This ordinance relates to controlled beverage within the city of Brookland. The council needs to be aware of the laws governing this issue.

✓ **Vector Disease Control update:**

Mayor Jones passed out the Vector Disease Control Report for the month of May. He asked the council to review them. If they have any questions, they can ask Jim Stark at next month's meeting.

✓ **Sidewalk Grant Monies:**

Mayor Jones told the council that the city was having trouble getting easements from certain properties for the sidewalk that runs along Holman. The grant that the city received is a couple of years old and action needs to be taken. It was agreed that Attorney Orr would send letters to the remaining individuals asking for the easement.

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

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Mayor Jones recognized Volunteer Fire Chief Wayne Reece which was present at the meeting. He thanked Mr. Reece with his reviewing input on the building plans for various venues for the city.

Mayor Jones also recognized Cecelie Cochran from the Northeast Arkansas Regional Transportation Planning Commission who was present at the meeting. Ms. Cochran stood and told the council about what her organization does and what they hope to accomplish. She also noted that she would like to hold a workshop in the city at some future date.

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 7:46pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer