

Brookland City Council Minutes November 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve October 14, 2019 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. 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 the motion to accept the city council minutes from October 14, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

City of Jonesboro/Craighead County Probation service agreement:

Mayor Jones notified the council that the final agreement was still being worked out on the City of Jonesboro/Craighead County Probation service agreement. County Judge Marvin Day told Mayor Jones that there might be a slight monthly increase with the new agreement. Attorney Kevin Orr advised the council that this would still be a good opportunity for the city. Mayor Jones stated that he would hopefully have the details for next month's meeting.

Open bids for lots 1 & 2 of 307 N. Bernis Re-plat:

Mayor Jones opened the sealed bids for the lots 1 & 2 owned by the city that are located at 307 N. Bernis. Turner Real Estate LLC, owned by Lindel DeWayne Turner, made an offer of \$19,575.99 on lot #1. GSB Properties LLC, owned by Greg Baugh, made an offer of \$16,500 on lot #2 and \$15,500 on lot #1. The council went into a deep discussion on how the bids should be handled. After debating the topic, Martin Crain made a motion to postpone the decision of the open bids on lots 1&2 at 307 N. Bernis until a later date. The motion was seconded by Wilson Shipman. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for further discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones then asked the council what he should tell the bidders. After a detailed discussion on how much was owed on the lots and whether an appraisal might be needed, the council re-thought their decision to wait. It was debated to possibly accept the bids if the bidders agreed. Martin Crain started to make a motion to the cause, and it was quickly seconded by Lacey Elder. Then it was decided it would be better to speak with the bidders before any decision was made and then have a special meeting to approve. Since the motion was started and was seconded, it had to be voted upon. The Mayor called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion failed 0 Yays to 6 Nays.

Mayor Jones will now contact the bidders and will call a special meeting if needed to decide on whether to accept the bids.

Old Business

3rd & Final Reading for Ordinance 2019-12 for Disposal of Solid Pet Waste:

Mayor Jones asked the council to table the 3rd & final reading of Ordinance 2019-12 for the disposal of solid pet waste until December's meeting. The Mayor noted he had some concerned citizens that had contacted him about the ordinance, and he wanted the council members to possibly speak with them or

let the citizens address the council at next month's meeting. The council agreed since the ordinance would not take effect until the first of the new year in 2020.

Fertilize building located on Missouri Street & 1 acre of ground:

Mayor Jones told the council that he hasn't heard anything on the offer that was made by the city for the old fertilize building on Missouri Street. The building and 1 acre of land is owned by the Inboden Brothers. The city has been using the building and was interested in buying it. The mayor was hopeful that he will hear from them and have something to report in December.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed October's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 10-31-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$112,347.21
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$132,242.19
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$363,698.68

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **ARDOT look & decision on Eason Street:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that the Arkansas Department of Transportation sent two engineers to help examine the cracking of the newly laid asphalt on Eason Street. Neither the city nor the department knows the exact cause of the damage; however, the department is scheduled to take samples of the asphalt and look at the street's base to help determine why it is prematurely cracking. The Mayor recommended that School Street also be overlaid when the department fixes Eason. The State Aid Street Board will have to approve the project.

✓ **Present 2020 proposed General, Street, & Utility Budgets:**

Mayor Jones passed out the proposed 2020 General, Street, & Utility Budgets to the council. He asked the council to take and review them. They will be discussed and possibly acted upon at next month's meeting.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

Martin Crain asked about the Arkansas Municipal League winter meetings. Mayor said they would be next February.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

There was none.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to adjourn passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer