

Brookland City Council Minutes

July 8, 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 June 10, 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 June 10, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Jim Stark– Mr. Stark passed out the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Report for the month of June. He stated that he expected the mosquitoes to get a worse in a couple of weeks since the rice fields are being flooded. Spraying the city will become more active. The next spraying was scheduled for July 11 weather permitting.

Tim Short: 2017 Utility Fund Audit Report –

Tim Short from Despain Luther Short & Co, CPA's gave an audit report for the Brookland Utilities Department for 2017. Tim went over several pages of the report and explained the findings to the council. Mr. Short said that this was a very good report and excellent recording for the city of Brookland. He stated that the city should be proud.

Old Business

Appoint Storm Water Discharge Committee – Approval by Council –

Mayor Jones stated that he has five names that he wanted to submit to the council for approval for the Storm Water Discharge Committee. The names the Mayor submitted are Jason Cooper, Dennis Stotts, Andy Stickler, John Selig, and Billy Dacus. Lacey Elder made a motion to accept the names as presented. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Martin Crain asked if any of the candidates were present at the meeting besides Mr. Cooper and Mr. Dacus. Mayor Jones noted they were not present but gave a brief history on each one of the committee candidates. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed June's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 6-30-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$130,953.69
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$108,556.87
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$321,912.47

Mayor's Notes:

✓ Problem with dog feces:

A complaint form from a concerned citizen was presented to the council. It seems the city of Brookland has a problem with pet owners letting the dogs relieve themselves and not cleaning up after their pet along city sidewalks. There are several places noted where this has occurred as well as other

areas inside the city. There was much discussion on how this is a terrible problem that needs to be addressed as soon as possible. The Mayor noted he would check with other towns on how they handle this situation and possibly have Attorney Kevin Orr work up an ordinance to help control this problem.

✓ **Article on alcohol permit limits:**

Mayor Jones passed out a copy of a newspaper article that addressed how alcohol permits were controlled. He reminded the council to be aware of the process and Ordinance 2013-04, that was discussed in June's meeting.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the council? Wilson Shipman asked about the work being done on School Street. The Mayor stated that the crosswalk in front of the Fieldhouse was falling through and was needing to be replaced. All work has been completed.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? Captain Janssen Settlemoir addressed the council with an update on the hiring of the new SRO officer. He noted they have some very good applicants and they will start the interviewing process soon.

He also addressed the council about the new SRO officer will a vehicle to drive. There was much discussion about what type of vehicle, cost, new or used, etc. It was finally decided that a twenty-five thousand cap be made on the vehicle.

Martin Crain made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Wilson Shipman. 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 7:53pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer