

Brookland City Council Minutes
October 14, 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 September 9, 2019 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 September 9, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Jim Stark – Final report and proposed new contract:

Mr. Stark passed out the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Final Report for the year of 2019. He stated that things should be slowing down. Wilson Shipman asked if Vector was finished spraying for the year. Jim said they would probably spray more into the month.

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had looked at the two proposed new contracts with Vector. It was noted a few modifications were made and had been noted by the council. Martin Crain made a motion to accept the proposed 5-year contract with Vector. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. 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 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Betty Copeland – Water bill adjustment request:

No one was present for Betty Copeland at the meeting.

Gary Hill (110 Cherry) interested in filling the opening position on the Brookland Planning Commission:

Mayor Jones introduced Gary Hill to the council. The mayor noted that Mr. Hill is interested in serving on the Brookland Planning Commission. Since there is an opening, Mayor Jones said he would like to appoint him to the commission with council's approval. David Gambill noted that he knows Gary and thinks he would make a good addition. Wilson Shipman made a motion to appoint Gary Hill to the Brookland Planning Commission. It 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 the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

John Selig – Proposed sewer improvements:

Mayor Jones noted that in the packets were estimated quantities and costs for proposed wastewater system improvements. The Mayor said that John and himself had been looking at this for some time. The improvements would help with upgrades in certain places and offer sewer to other places that might attract new businesses to the area. There were four different locations listed with the Eason Street wastewater lift station rehabilitation as the top priority. John noted that the improvements would help the city in many ways. Mayor Jones noted that the project could be paid for with bonds allocated

by the current franchise tax and that there would be no new taxes to the citizens of Brookland. The Mayor asked the council to review the options and more information will be gathered.

City of Jonesboro/Craighead County Probation service agreement:

This item was put on hold due to lack of information. It will be addressed at a later meeting.

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

There were no bids received on the lots 1 & 2 @ 307 N. Bernis. The Mayor noted that the ad would run again in the paper to see if there are any bids.

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

Mayor Jones told the council that the city has been using an old fertilize building on Missouri Street owned by Inboden Brothers on an acre of ground for several years. The building stores salt, sand, and dirt to use during inclement weather. The city has used the building at no cost in the past but has done the mowing and upkeep of the property. The building needs repairs but the city doesn't want to spend money on the cost if it isn't owned by the city. The Mayor was told that they would sell the building and the acre of ground for twenty-five thousand dollars. After some discussion, Martin Crain made a motion to make a counteroffer of twenty-thousand dollars to Inboden Brothers for the building on Missouri Street and the acre of land. It was seconded by Lacey Elder. 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.

Ordinance 2019-14 – to amend 2019-05 legal description and acreage:

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-14 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2019-14 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the 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 2019-14 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-14 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-14 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the 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 2019-14 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-14 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-14 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2019-14 to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Martin Crain: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2019-14 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2019-14. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Jason Cooper: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, David Gambill: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, Mike Bishop: Y. Mayor Jones

announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2019-14 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Old Business

2nd Reading for Ordinance 2019-12 for Disposal of Solid Pet Waste:

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2019-12 and read by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the 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 read by title only for Ordinance 2019-12 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the 2nd reading for Ordinance 2019-12 by title only. This is an ordinance to set the guidelines for proper disposal of solid pet waste. The third reading is scheduled to be done at the 2019 November meeting.

David Loggins – Brookland Hills Phase one maintenance of the entrance & retention ponds:

The Mayor noted to Mr. Loggins that some work had been done by Rausch Coleman in one of the retention ponds. More work is scheduled in the future either by Rausch Coleman or the city.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed September's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 9-30-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$100,435.15
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$117,244.40
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$348,452.42

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **Veterans Memorial possible location:**

Mayor Jones asked the council once again if they had any idea places for the Veterans Memorial location. There were several locations discussed but nothing was decided due to not knowing if the property was available.

✓ **2021 State Aid street overlay projects:**

Mayor Jones passed out an overlay map of the city of Brookland that had some suggested streets overlay improvements. He noted even though the money wouldn't be eligible until 2021, the city needed to send in their suggestions to the Street Aid Committee at the next Convention meeting in February. He wants the council's input to help make recommendations for what streets and the priority of work that needs to be done.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

Kimberly Shelby asked the council if the August's meeting audio could be added to the city's website. She said the September meeting audio was there. She noted that she had a copy of both audio

recordings via the FOIA but asking the August audio to be added to help clear up some misunderstandings that were being mention. Mayor Jones said he would like to see them added as well.

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 7:55pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer