

Brookland City Council Minutes
June 8, 2020

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 May 11, 2020 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 May 11, 2020 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Discuss options and procedures to hold a public hearing for City Council and Planning Commission meetings:

Mayor Jones told the council that there were three public hearings that were needing to be held but since the covid-19 virus, there are many limitations in place causing complications. The Mayor asked the council and Attorney Kevin Orr if they knew of any options the city could take. There were some ideas discussed such as meeting outside the city hall or limiting the capacity of individuals to only a set number at one time inside the meeting room. The option of using the Brookland School Auditorium was mentioned. It was decided to contact the school to see if that might be an option for the city before trying other avenues.

Old Business

David Loggins – Brookland Hills request speed bumps in subdivision:

Mr. Loggins called early to cancel his appointment with the council.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed May's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 5-31-2020 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$196,051.94
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$201,826.11
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$297,231.73

The Mayor asked the council if he could add three items to the agenda. Mike Bishop made a motion to add the three items to the June 8 agenda. The motion 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.

Resolution 2020-05 - State Aid Street Fund - School Street overlay and Eason Street Repair overlay projects:

Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2020-05 in its entirety. This is a resolution is for the State Aid Street Fund for School Street overlay and Eason Street Repair overlay projects. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2020-05 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. The council asked about how and where the overlays would begin and end. The Mayor explained the process to the council. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept Resolution 2020-05 has passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

The Mayor told the council that the matching grant for the Community meeting room @ 407 Holman has been received. The money will be used for renovations for the back-meeting room that is connected to the storm shelter. Wilson Shipman asked if the money could be used for the storm shelter outside appearance. Mayor Jones said the grant monies are for the community meeting room only.

The Mayor read the Vector Disease Control monthly report to the council. Mr. Jim Stark usually presents the monthly report to the council, but since the Covid-19 outbreak it will be sent via email until further notice.

Mayor's Notes:

Discuss turn back revenue:

Mayor Jones talked to the council about the turn back revenue monies. He noted that the downturn may not be as bad as once predicted. The Mayor noted that the sales tax turn back is two months delayed. April's sales tax collections will be received in the month of June. In the meantime, the Mayor noted all spending will be on an "as needed basis".

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

Martin Crain asked about possible money from the Craighead County Library. He thought he remembered the library would give some compensation to the city. Mayor Jones and Attorney Orr said they do not remember anything as far as compensation to the city, but the Craighead County Library has furnished a lot of items and materials to help with the new city library.

Jason Cooper asked if the owner of 615 Holman has been contacted pertaining to the sidewalk right-a-way. Mayor Jones noted that was still a work in progress.

Wilson Shipman asked if the Veteran Memorial Committee has met lately. Mayor Jones stated that they have not met since the Covid-19 outbreak.

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 the motion to adjourn passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer