

## **Brookland City Council Minutes**

### **May 9, 2022**

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, Pamela McGee, David Gambill, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Attorney Kevin Orr, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve April 11, 2022, Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said 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 minutes passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve April 21, 2022, Brookland City Council Special meeting 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 minutes passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

#### **New Business**

##### **Nancy Robbins - County Clerk Candidate:**

Nancy Robbins announced to the council that she is running for the office of Craighead County Clerk. Nancy noted she has worked for Craighead County for 14 years in three different offices. She started working in the county clerk's office in January 2007, then she worked as a deputy assessor position for Eddie Thomas, and now works at the Craighead County Road Department as a clerk in the office where she now works as the road coordinator. She feels with her experience in that office and the other two offices she is a great candidate for that position. She asked everyone to consider her for the position when they cast their vote in the election.

##### **Brookland Parks Committee Update:**

David Loggins updated the council on the happenings of the Brookland Parks Committee. David noted that they are working on the budgeting and are trying to find people to help in certain areas to offset the cost. Mr. Loggins noted that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night on May 16 @ 6pm at City Hall. He said he would like to invite everyone to attend.

Mayor Jones introduced Terry Grimes, a local farmer from the Brookland area. Mayor Jones noted that there where two large piles of dirt that needed to be removed from the sports complex area. Mr. Grimes said he would remove the dirt free of charge if the city would allow him to use it to level an area he farms. The council asked if the dirt could be used when the complex started construction, but Mayor Jones said it was labeled scrap dirt due to the foreign materials in the dirt. After a little further discussion, Wilson Shipman made a motion to allow Terry Grimes to take the two dirt mounds for his use located on the fifty acres where the sports complex will be located. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said 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 minutes passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Ordinance 2022-06:**

*This is an ordinance providing for election of council members to four-year staggered terms in the city of Brookland, Arkansas and prescribing other matters pertaining to thereto.*

Mayor Jones said the council could suspend the rules and read all three readings by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and to read all three readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said 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.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-06 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-06 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-06 to council for discussion. It was noted that Position #1 in each ward would be the first position to seek the 4-year term in the 2024 election if the ordinance is passed by the public in the 2022 election. Position #2 would remain as a 2-year term until the 2026 election. This way the terms would be staggered. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a row call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-06 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Ordinance 2022-07:**

*An ordinance referring the question of 4-year staggered terms for council members to electors on next general election ballot*

Mayor Jones said the council could suspend the rules and read all three readings by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and to read all three readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said 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.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-07 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only.

Martin Crain made a motion to go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-07 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-07 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-07 to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a row call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-07 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause in Section 8 of Ordinance 2022-07. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, 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 Emergency Clause in Section 8 of Ordinance 2022-07 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

#### **Ordinance 2022-08:**

*An ordinance to redistrict city wards based on 2020 Census block population*

Mayor Jones said the council could suspend the rules and read all three readings by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and to read all three readings by title only. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said 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.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-08 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the second reading of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only.

Martin Crain made a motion to go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened

the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Attorney Kevin Orr read the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-08 by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-08 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-08 to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a row call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-08 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause in Section 6 of Ordinance 2022-08. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, 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 Emergency Clause in Section 6 of Ordinance 2022-08 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Resolution 2022-09:**

*This is a Resolution accepting petition annexation of Glenn, Spurlock, Kubota and NEA Properties. This area is located north of Pine Log Road.*

Kevin Orr read Resolution 2022-09 but without the degrees and minutes of each property location. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-09 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. The council asked the mayor the exact location. It was noted by Mayor Jones to be on the northside of the city's boundaries and it stretches up to the gravel road by Childers Trucking but not including Childers Trucking. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Resolution 2022-09 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Ordinance 2022-10:**

*This is an ordinance to rezone 404 West Matthews from R-1 (low density residential 5.01.01 to R-2 medium density residential 5.01.02 as defined in zoning code adopted 12/14/2021)*

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-10 in its entirety.

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-10 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 2022-10 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-10 second reading by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-10 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 2022-10 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2022-10 third and final reading by title only.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-10 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-10 to council for discussion. Jimmy Gulley of NEA Properties & Investments, INC. addressed the council. Mr. Gulley said he is asking to rezone 404 West Matthews from R1 to R2. His plans are to build multiple duplexes for a semi-retirement village. It was noted that this property is known as the old Wagner place. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-10 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Section 6 of Ordinance 2022-10. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, 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 Emergency Clause as read in Section 6 of Ordinance 2022-10 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

### **Old Business**

#### **Previous Month's Financials:**

Mayor Jones reviewed April's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 4-30-2022 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$1,048,720.07
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$415,841.64
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$414,710.56

#### **Police Department update on 2022 Projects:**

Police Chief Jon Moore was unable to attend the meeting, but Mayor Jones updated the council on the status of the police department 2022 projects. The two Tahoe's were picked up, but they are still waiting for the RAM. The camera system is still a work in progress and new officers have been hired.

Jamey Carter addressed the council and announced his plans to seek the office of Craighead County Clerk. He said he is a 16-year veteran of the Craighead County Sheriff's Office. Carter is in his 10th year as the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer, teaching students at various schools.

In addition to his law enforcement career, Carter has served as pastor of Dixie Baptist Church for the past five years. Mr. Carter is confident that with his law enforcement experience, "proven leadership ability as a pastor, business expertise having owned and operated two successful businesses and educational background in accounting" he will be able to serve the residents of Craighead County in a way they deserve.

**Mayor's Notes:**

✓ *Discuss purchasing a vehicle for city inspector:*

Mayor Jones asked the council to look at the 2020 Ford 150 4 X 4 that was parked outside city hall before the meeting. He noted that this truck was for sale for under market value. He also said that the city inspector needed a more reliable vehicle than the one he presently uses. The asking price was \$33,718 with the milage set at 74 thousand. Money has been set aside in the budget for a vehicle for this purpose. The mayor wanted to seek the council's opinion. After discussing the pros and cons, it was decided to wait on the purchase as of now.

**Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the council?**

Martin Crain asked about trashiness around the hoppers at city hall. The mayor said it is a constant battle to clean-up after people drop off their blue bags and cardboard, but the hoppers would be moved across the tracks to their designated place once it is dry enough to do so.

**Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the floor?**

There was none.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Martin Crain. 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 8:25 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer