

**Brookland City Council Minutes**  
**July 12, 2021**

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve June 14, 2021, 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 June 14, 2021, passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**New Business**

**Brookland Parks Committee Update:**

There was no new information to report.

**Ordinance 2021-09 - Street Cut Ordinance:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that the document was still being reviewed by City Attorney Kevin Orr and will be presented at the August meeting.

**Ordinance 2021-10 - to amend Ordinance 2016-20 Section 3:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that the document was still being reviewed by City Attorney Kevin Orr and will be presented at the August meeting.

**Old Business**

**Discuss property at 247 Brady Ln.** – Mayor Jones announced to the council that the property had been surveyed but he has not heard back from them yet. He hoped to have more information at next month's meeting.

**Discuss city options to collect cost related to cleaning detention ponds in Phase I of Brookland Hills:**

Mayor Jones noted that the city was looking into the cost of cleaning of the detention ponds and the dirt work to make them ready for mowing and maintenance. He has only received one bid so far for the job. That bid was for \$43,340.00. The mayor said he would try to get some other bids.

**Storm Shelter Policy:**

Mayor Jones asked if the council had reviewed the Brookland Storm Shelter Policy and if they were ready to vote. The council noted they had reviewed the document and were ready. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Brookland Storm Shelter Policy 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 Brookland Storm Shelter Policy passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Shirley Street - Thompson Subdivision:**

Mayor Jones said that he was still gathering the information needed to pave Shirley Street and

would have that for the August meeting.

**Sidewalk Project# 100935 update (sidewalk along west side of Holman from Stevens to School Street):**

Mayor Jones informed the Council that bidding process has started for this project.

**Previous Month's Financials:**

Mayor Jones reviewed both June's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 6-30-2021 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$427,431.36
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$366,489.20
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$351,823.60

Mayor Jones asked the council for the approval to add (2) items to the agenda. He noted that they were Resolutions pertaining to the new parks. Mike Bishop made a motion to add the two items to the agenda. 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 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Resolution 2021-07 – Seeking Grant Funding Assistance for the proposed for the park located @ 103 Nelms:**

Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2021-07 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion for Mayor Jones to apply to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation for the matching Grant Program for the proposed park located @ 103 Nelms. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Resolution 2021-08 – Seeking Grant Funding Assistance for the proposed park located @ 202 Smith:**

Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2021-08 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion for Mayor Jones to apply to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism's Outdoor Recreation for the matching Grant Program for the proposed park located @ 202 Smith. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Mayor's Notes:**

- ✓ *Johanson Group Study* – Mayor Jones asked the council if they would be interested in letting the Johanson Group, a Fayetteville-based firm to conduct the salary study on the city's positions. The mayor noted he thought this would be a good way to measure if the city is on par with the wages and salaries for all positions for its size. The council agreed and Mike Bishop made a motion for the mayor to proceed. 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 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

- ✓ *Remind council members about special meeting on 7/26/21 to finalize bonds; need to set a meeting time* – Mayor Jones reminded the council of the special meeting scheduled for 7/26/21 to finalize paperwork on the bond election that can possibly save interest on the bonds. Must have 2/3 of Council members and City Clerk/Treasurer to attend this special meeting. A time of 7:00 pm was set for the meeting by the council.

**Vector Mosquito Control Report:** Mayor Jones read the report to the council.

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

There was none.

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

David Loggins announced that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night @ 6pm at City Hall. He said he would like to invite everyone to attend. They would be discussing the items that would be in the parks.

Mayor Jones recognized the Boys Scouts that attended the meeting and thanked them for coming.

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 7:29 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer