

Brookland City Council Minutes
August 13, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones

Roll Call: Council present: Mike Bishop, Jean Gandy, David Gambill, Wilson Shipman, Martin Crain, Maghen Carpenter, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Attorney Kevin Orr, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve July 9, 2018 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. 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 July 9, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Jim Stark– Mr. Stark passed out the Mosquito Surveillance and Control Report for the month of July to the council. The report noted the all the different applications of mosquito control Vector applied in the month. There were also several ground and aerial spray applications in the report with another aerial scheduled for August 14. Jim noted that the mosquito population should be on the decline since the rice fields will not be flooded much longer. Service will continue for the year until the middle of October.

Purple Heart Plaque Presentation – Everett Evans and members of the Northeast Arkansas Chapter 708 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Organization were present to present a Purple Heart plaque to the city of Brookland recognizing the town as a Purple Heart City. Mr. Evans stated that the Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the president to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after April 5, 1917, with the U.S. military. With its forerunner, the Badge of Military Merit that was established by President George Washington, which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members. The military order of the Purple Heart special recognition is an award that is bestowed to a city for their dedication and support honoring America's combat wounded veterans. This was presented to Mayor Jones on behalf of the city of Brookland by the patriot members of the Northeast Chapter 708 Military Order of the Purple Heart, USA.

Kevin Brady of Clean Solutions – To address the council about how the proposed annexation would be an advantage to his company – Mr. Kevin Brady addressed the council with concerns about his business being in the proposed annexation area. He questioned what kind benefits that he would see if annexed. It was discussed by Kevin and the council about the pros and cons of the annexation. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Brady wanted it to be noted that he was against being annexed into the city.

401 W. Matthews – Make offer to offer to purchase for retention pond – Mayor Jones stated that the city has an opportunity to possibly purchase the lot at 401 W. Matthews which is .43 acres. Mayor Jones noted that this is known as the "Old Harry Johnson" place and would a good spot for a retention pond that would help relieve the flooding in this area. The council questioned if this would be a good appearance for the surrounding area. Martin Crain made a motion not to take any action on this issue now. Wilson Shipman seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the

motion to the council for further discussion. Mr. Crain noted that he would like to see more information gathered and to get the people's input living around the lot. David Gambill agreed. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Old Business

WIP 2016-01 – well & tank-field project update from Jason MacDonald with Civil Engineering Associates– Jason updated the council that the new well work is mostly completed; just a few minor things that need to be completed. He noted that work is being done with the surplus monies on North Oak and upgrades to the south of the city.

David Heckethorn – To address & review with the council about his damaged water meter – No one was present for David Heckethorn.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed July's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 7-31-18 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$102,946.57
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$69,107.75
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$384,353.29

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ The Unsightly/Tallgrass Ordinance 2018 and the considering of amending the personnel handbook will be addressed in September meeting. The mayor noted that Attorney Orr has been working on these and needed more time.

Mayor Jones asked the council if he could add Resolution 2018-12 to the agenda. Mike Bishop made a motion to add the item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. 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 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Ordinance 2018-12 – A Resolution appointing authorized signers for bank notes and other legal documents – Mayor Jones stated that this is a resolution that would allow the mayor, city clerk, and/or a council member to be able to sign legal documents for the city of Brookland. Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2018-12 in its entirety. David Gambill made a motion to accept Resolution 2018-12 as read. Mike Bishop seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second then opened Resolution 2018-12 to the council for discussion. The mayor noted that this resolution needed to be in place because of the issues the city had in the past. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced Resolution 2018-12 passed by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mayor Jones noted that he had one more item of business that needed to be addressed. The mayor read a letter from the Planning Commission Chair Steve Phillips. The letter noted that according to the bylaws set by the planning commission that any member that misses (3) or more consecutive meetings can be relieved of their duties. Since Ms. Linda Anderson Reece has missed (3) consecutive meetings,

the planning commission has relieved her of her duties. The letter also asked Mayor Jones to appoint a new member as soon as possible. Mayor Jones stated that he would start looking for someone to fill the vacancy.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? There was none.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? Jerry Whitten asked if the franchise taxed applied to City, Water, and Light. The mayor noted that it only applied to Craighead Electric, Ritter and Fusion Media communication services.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Maghen Carpenter. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to adjourn passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer