

Brookland City Council Minutes
November 12, 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 October 8, 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 October 8, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

2018-15 Ordinance Tallgrass/Unsightly Conditions – 1st reading – David Gambill made a motion to read the 1st reading of Ordinance 2018-15 by title only. Jean Gandy seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr read the 1st reading of Ordinance 2018-15 by title only. This is an ordinance to address the tallgrass and unsightly conditions in the city of Brookland. The 2nd reading will occur at December's meeting.

Craighead County Detention contract w/ the city of Brookland – Mayor Jones along with Police Chief Jon Moore and Attorney Kevin Orr introduce to the council a possible intergovernmental agreement between the city of Brookland and Craighead County for housing inmates. The contract would be a 4-year term where Craighead County, through its Sheriff's Department, will provide a detention facility for the housing of inmates that were arrested inside the city of Brookland. After a lengthy discussion of some of the details, it was decided to enter into the contract agreement. Martin Crain made a motion for the city of Brookland to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Craighead County to house inmate prisoners by the contract that was presented to the council on November 12, 2018. 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.

2018-16 Resolution – Resolution reducing current millage rate from .75 to .50 mills – Kevin Orr read Resolution 2018-16 in its entirety to the council. David Gambill made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-16 as read. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. 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 adopt Resolution 2018-16 had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Vickie Jackson – payment plan for meter upgrade @ 177 Brady Lane – Mayor Jones explained to the council about an agreement between the city and Vickie Jackson for a payment plan for a water meter up-grade. After the mayor presented the details, the council approved the payment plan if Ms. Jackson stayed current on the payments. Mayor Jones stated that it was noted in the contracted agreement. Wilson Shipman made a motion to accept agreed contract as written for Ms. Jackson. 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.

Today's Power: Michael Henderson request to do pilot program w/solar panels – Michael Henderson of Today's Power presented the council with information on the pilot program. PILOT is an acronym that stands for Payments in Lieu of Taxes (property taxes). After the program was explained to the council and lengthy discussion, David Gambill made a motion to support the pilot process by issuing bonds with Today's Power. The motion was seconded by Mike Bishop. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for further discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mayor Jones asked the council for a break to retrieve some documents. Wilson Shipman made a motion to take a short break. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. 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. Council recessed at 7:45 PM.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to go back in session. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. 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. Council back in session at 7:50 PM.

Old Business

Ordinance 2018-13 - Adopt 2017 NEC Electrical Code – David Gambill made a motion to read the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2018-13 by title only. Mike Bishop seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Kevin Orr read the 3rd and Final reading of Ordinance 2018-13 by title only. This is an ordinance to provide for the adoption by reference of the 2017 National Electric Code. David Gambill made a motion to accept Ordinance 2018-13 as read. Mike Bishop seconded motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second then opened Ordinance 2018-13 to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Jean Gandy: Y, David Gambill: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Maghen Carpenter: Y. Mayor Jones announces Ordinance 2018-13 passes by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays.

2018-02 Container Ordinance Review – Mayor Jones noted that Attorney Kevin Orr is still working on this project and it will be discussed at December's meeting.

Purchase of 2004 Flat Bed truck – Mayor Jones wanted to note to the council that the city would not be purchasing the 2004 Flat Bed truck that was approved at last month's meeting. The vehicle would require CDL licenses and none of the city employees have the CDL licenses and are not interested in attaining them. Possible alternatives may be explored.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed October's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 10-31-18 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$149,826.85
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$70,804.70
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$396,475.85

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **Holman and School Street update:**

Mayor Jones told the council that he received a letter from AR-DOT. The letter stated that upon review, the current traffic volumes at Holman and School street do not warrant the installation of an additional turn lane nor modifications to the existing configuration of striping and signage.

✓ **Homeland/FEMA Draft Flood Plain map update:**

Mayor Jones noted to the council that he is working with U.S. Congressman Rick Crawford to help with the readjusting of the proposed flood plain maps for the city of Brookland. He also noted that a trip is being planned to visit Little Rock to discuss with the government officials about the issues that these maps poses. He stated that if anyone was interested in making the trip to let him know.

✓ **Remodeling of City Hall:**

Mayor Jones passed out an outline on how the new layout of the renovation of city hall would look like. The Mayor also had a quoted price of \$6700 for the re-modeling.

✓ **Present 2019 General, Street, and Utility Fund Budgets:**

Mayor Jones passed out a copy of the proposed 2019 budgets for the General, Street, and Utility Fund Budgets to the council for them to review. The Mayor ask that the council review them, and the budgets would be discussed at next month's meeting in hopes of passing them.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? Martin Crain stated that the problem with the individual living on North Oak Street with the camper blocking the street view has been resolved. He wanted the thank the Police Department if they had anything to do with helping to explain to the individual about the dangerous risk that the camper had blocking the view of other residents in the area.

Attorney Kevin Orr thanked the council, city officials, and city employees on their approach to the issue of the 2018 annexation ballot proposal. He stated that he had advised the council, city officials, and city employees not to address some of the falsehoods coming from the opposing individuals against the annexation due to legalities of the situation. He noted that things where handle quite well and it was to be commended.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? Kimberly McKay Shelby addressed the council about the boundary dispute between her property and the local Sonic. She is concerned about resurveying the land. Attorney Orr, as well as the Mayor told her that the city couldn't get involved because it is a civil issue between her and Sonic. She also is having concerns with her sliver of property across Highway 49 that will be adjacent to the new bank's property. She questioned the zoning in small area. Mayor Jones and Attorney Orr said they both would investigate the issue.

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 motion to adjourn passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer