

Brookland City Council Minutes
April 8, 2019

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve March 11, 2019 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 March 11, 2019 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Proposed one-dollar price increase by Dedman's Sanitation –

Mayor Jones addressed the council with a proposed one-dollar price increase request by Dedman's Sanitation. The Mayor noted that there has not been a price increase in four years. Mayor Jones pointed out that the council would need to approve such an increase. Wilson Shipman asked about the revenue created from the increase of households in the city. Wilson Shipman made a motion to keep the rates as they are presently. The Mayor pointed out that although the households have increased in the city, that Dedman's had to add another day to their pick-up in Brookland. The motion made by Mr. Shipman died due to the lack of a second. After further long discussion, it was decided to allow the increase. Martin Crain made a motion to approve the request by Dedman's Sanitation to increase the monthly rate for trash collection fee by one dollar to fourteen dollars for regular household and twelve dollars for senior citizens. Wilson Shipman seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated that motion and second and opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no additional discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Old Business

No older business to discuss currently:

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed March's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 3-31-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$160,451.26
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$100,282.35
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$382,130.73

Arkansas State Police Ticket Revenue: City Attorney Kevin Orr gave an update on some issues the Craighead County District Court was having with the Contexte computer system as it pertains to ASP fine money.

Mayor Jones asked the council if he could add some items to the agenda for his Mayor's Notes. Lacey Elder made a motion to add the items to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. 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 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor's Notes:

✓ **12th Safest City in Arkansas:**

Mayor Jones announced to the council that SafeWise just released its annual 20 Safest Cities in Arkansas report for 2019. Brookland ranked as the #12 safest city in Arkansas. He said this is great honor for the city and thanked all that help make it happen. SafeWise is a professional review and comparison website that pay experienced writers to do in-depth research and provide candid feedback about products and services.

✓ **New Bearcat Logo:**

Mayor Jones passed out pictures of the newly designed logo that will be added to the Hickory standpipe water tank. The Mayor noted that if the council approved this logo, he would need it in a form of a motion. Lacey Elder made a motion to approve the Bearcat logo as presented for the Hickory tank. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? Martin Crain suggested the acknowledgement of the cub scouts that were in attendance. Mayor Jones welcomed the scouts and each scout stood and introduced themselves.

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

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to adjourn passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer