

## **Brookland City Council Minutes December 9, 2019**

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, Lacey Elder, David Gambill, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Attorney Kevin Orr, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve November 11, 2019 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 November 11, 2019 passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve November 18, 2019 Brookland City Council special meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. 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 special meeting minutes from November 18, 2019 passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance 2019-15 – Waive competitive bidding for mini-excavator for Utility department and advertise for sealed bids:**

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-15 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2019-15 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. Wilson Shipman asked if this was in the city's budget. Mayor Jones said yes. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2019-15 by title only passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-15 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2019-15 by title only. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to suspend the rules to council for discussion. Wilson Shipman asked why they were called "Mini-Excavators". Mayor Jones said that can be discussed after the 3rd and final reading. Being no further 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 2019-15 by title only passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-15 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-15 as read. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2019-15 to council for discussion. Mayor Jones explained to Wilson Shipman that "Mini" was a smaller version of an excavator. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Martin Crain: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2019-15 had passed by a vote of 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

David Gambill made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2019-15. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y,

David Gambill: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2019-15 passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

**Review and discuss the proposed 2020 General, Street, & Utility budgets:**

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had reviewed the 2020 Fund Budgets that were passed out at last month's meeting. Each budget was reviewed again by the council and Mayor Jones. There were a couple of minor questions that Mayor Jones answered to the satisfaction of the council. After discussing and reviewing the budgets, it was decided to adopt the 2020 budgets.

Attorney Kevin Orr read Resolution 2019-16 in its entirety. This resolution is for approving the annual General, Street, and Utility fund budgets for 2020 for the city of Brookland, Arkansas. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-16 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Mayor Jones asked if there is any discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept Resolution 2019-16 has passed by a vote of 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

**Brookland Public School discuss option of getting drug dog for SRO officers:**

Police Chief Jon Moore, Police Captain Janssen Settlemoir, and Brookland School Resource Officer Sgt. Keith Prescott addressed the council about Brookland School wanting to get a dog that is trained to sniff out drugs. If the council agrees, Brookland School will donate the trained dog to Brookland Police Department. Sgt. Keith Prescott & SRO officer at Brookland Elementary said the K9 would be kept by him and used primarily during the school year as a therapy/comfort dog to help calm children during stressful times. The K9 has the capability to check for drugs but it also is trained to sniff scents and follow trails in the event of a missing child like the city had a few months ago. Chief Moore and Captain Settlemoir explained that SRO Sgt. Prescott is trained for K9 handling. The school would incur all expenses, but the officers wanted the council's approval before proceeding. After questions and discussion, the council agreed this would be a good thing for the city and school. David Gambill made a motion to allow the Brookland Police Department to use a drug dog with the Brookland Schools aid. Lacey Elder seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Mayor Jones asked if there is any further discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion had passed by a vote of 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

**Ricky Metcalf – discussion about the retention pond on Nelms Street:**

There was no one at the meeting to represent Ricky Metcalf. The Mayor did not know what Mr. Metcalf wanted to discuss but presented a slide show to the council showing the work that is going on around the area of question.

**Old Business**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & Final Reading for Ordinance 2019-12 for Disposal of Solid Pet Waste:**

Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2019-12 and read by title only. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to suspend the rules to the 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 2019-12 by title only passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2019-12 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2019-12 as read. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2019-12 to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones

asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Lacey Elder: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Martin Crain: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2019-12 had passed by a vote of 6 Yeas to 0 Nays.

**Fertilize building located on Missouri Street & 1 acre of ground:**

Mayor Jones told the council that he still hasn't heard anything on the counteroffer of twenty-thousand dollars that was made by the city for the old fertilize building and one acre of land on Missouri Street. The property is owned by Inboden Brothers and is currently being used by the city. It was mentioned if the property was worth the asking price. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons, Wilson Shipman made a motion to accept the original offer of twenty-five-thousand dollars by Inboden Brothers for the building on Missouri Street and the acre of land. It was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the 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.

**Previous Month's Financials:**

Mayor Jones reviewed November's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 11-30-19 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$105,745.82
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$146,022.84
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$336,617.27

**Mayor's Notes:**

✓ **Would like to close City Hall Monday, December 23rd:**

Mayor Jones asked the council if they were ok with City Hall closing on Monday, December 23, 2019. Mayor Jones noted that several employees have asked about being off on the 23rd since this is the Monday before the Christmas holidays (24th & 25th) in which City Hall is closed. The council gave their blessings. The employees will use comp or vacation time for the 23rd.

Mayor Jones asked the council if he could add (3) items to the agenda. David Gambill made a motion to add (3) more items to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. 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 Yeas to 0 Nays.

✓ **Veterans Memorial Park Committee:**

Mayor Jones submitted the following names to serve on the Veterans Memorial Park Committee to the council. The names were: Loyd Davis, Joseph Johnson, Brookland ROTC Commander Colonel James Waldo, Brookland ROTC Cadet & East Lab student Matthew Cunningham, Brody Foster, & Steve Beck. David Gambill made a motion to accept the names as presented. The motion was seconded by Lacey Elder. 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.

✓ **Rausch Coleman meeting with Brookland Hills residents about forming a Homeowners or Property-owners Association:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that there would be a meeting conducted by Rausch Coleman Assoc. at the Marriott Hotel across from the NEA Hospital Wednesday @ 6:00 PM. The meeting would be to introduce the idea to the patrons of the Phase 1 of Brookland Hills about setting up a Homeowners or Property-owners association. The Mayor wanted the council to know in case they might be interested in attending. David Loggins, a resident of the area told the council about the stipulations of the proposed association. There were several council members interested in attending.

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

Attorney Kevin Orr gave the Brookland Police Department a praise of thanks for all they do for the city. Mr. Orr mentioned there where a lot of things the officers must endure that are not seen by the public. Kevin noted that after seeing some of the difficult situations they sometimes face on video in court, he was grateful for the officer's professionalism.

Wilson Shipman asked if the City of Brookland Police do anything for children around the holidays. The officers in attendance stated that they are involved in the local "Shop with a Cop" program each year. Martin Crain asked if they could do something inside the city of Brookland in the upcoming holiday season next year. The Mayor and officers both stated they would check into the idea.

**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 the motion to adjourn passed 6 Yeas to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer