

**Brookland City Council Minutes**  
**February 14, 2022**

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, Pamela McGee, David Gambill, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus. Absent: Attorney Kevin Orr

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve January 10, 2022, 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 January 10, 2022, passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**New Business**

**Brookland Parks Committee Update:**

David Loggins updated the council on the happenings of the Brookland Parks Committee. Mr. Loggins noted that him and some of the other committee members visited several other sports facilities in the state to get feedback that would help in making decisions in the construction of Brookland sports complex. He said a lot of useful information was attained. David also announced there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night on February 21 @ 6pm at City Hall. He said he would like to invite everyone to attend.

Since the committee members use their own money to finance their trip, Mike Bishop made a motion for the city to reimburse them the expenses (\$66.75-fuel & \$63.38 meal). The motion was seconded by David Gambill. 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 reimburse their trip expenses (\$66.75-fuel & \$63.38 meal) passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays

**Ordinance 2022-02 - Rezone 100 E School from R-2 to R-3:**

*This is an ordinance to rezone 100 East School Street from medium density (R-2) to apartment residential (R-3) and to amend ordinance 2020-14 to reflect the change in zone district.*

Mayor Jones read Ordinance 2022-02 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-02 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. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-02 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones read Ordinance 2022-02 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-02 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. 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 2022-02 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones read Ordinance 2022-02 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-02 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-02 to council for discussion. The council asked the mayor the exact location. The mayor stated turn east on School St, 2<sup>nd</sup> lot on right behind the house on the corner of E School St. and Holman. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-02 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-02. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, 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 Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-02 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Review 2020 Legislative Audit Report for General and Street Funds:**

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had reviewed the 2020 Legislative Audit Report for the General and Street Funds. They noted that they had. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Being none, Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the audit report. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, 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 2020 Legislative Audit Report for the General and Street Funds passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Review Engineering/Survey RFQ's for 2022:**

Mayor Jones told the council that he had the engineering/survey RFQ for 2022 if they wanted to review them. State Law requires a municipality to request (RFQ) annually. This business process in which an entity solicits (RFQ) from engineers and surveyors for a general or specific task or project.

**Discuss camera system for traffic with City of Jonesboro:**

Police Chief Jon Moore addressed the council about a camera system. He noted that the mayor and him went to a presentation at Jonesboro showing how the cameras were being used. The Jonesboro Police Department said that if other area towns had cameras, they could be tied together as one unit to help track down offenders. Mayor Jones and Chief Moore asked the council if this would be something worth pursuing and the council agree it would. The mayor said he would try to setup a presentation meeting for the council; possibly at the next meeting.

Chief Moore and Captain Janssen Settlemoir also approached the council about adding (2) more vehicles to the police department. Janssen said that police vehicles are hard to get right now, and it could take up to a year. Captain Settlemoir explained with the addition of an Animal Control/Code Enforcement officer, and the addition of another patrolman in the future there would be a need for two more vehicles in the future. With some of the older vehicles the department has now, it might be a good idea to get them ordered. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to proceed with trying to add the vehicles. Council Person Crain asked how this would all be paid for. Mayor Jones stated that the final rule for American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) allows for some of this funding to be used for these type purchases.

Mayor Jones asked the council to add Ordinance 2022-03 to the agenda. Mike Bishop made a motion to add Ordinance 2022-03 to the agenda. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to add Ordinance 2022-03 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Ordinance 2022-03 – Acceptance of Public Improvements for Whispering Hills Phase 3 & 4:**

*This is an ordinance approving the acceptance and dedication of public improvements within Phase 3 and 4 of Whispering Hills subdivision and relating thereof.*

Mayor Jones read Ordinance 2022-03 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-03 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. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-03 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones read Ordinance 2022-03 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-03 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. 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 2022-03 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones read Ordinance 2022-03 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-03 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2022-03 to council for discussion. The council asked the mayor the exact location. The mayor noted that it was at the corner of Brookland Street and Holman. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Martin Crain: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y, Jason Cooper: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2022-03 had passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-03. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, 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 Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2022-03 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

**Old Business**

**Previous Month's Financials:**

Mayor Jones reviewed January's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 1-31-2022 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$651,615.11
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$331,863.31
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$524,434.54

**404 W Matthews Street property zoning:**

This item was tabled due to the absence of Attorney Kevin Orr. He has been doing research on the matter.

**Ward Map change - 2020 Census:**

This item will be discussion at the next meeting.

**Mayor's Notes:**

✓ *State of the City Address:*

Mayor Jones read the State of the City Report to the council. The mayor highlighted the ups and downs that the city faced in 2021. He hoped that 2022 will be a bright year to come.

✓ *Announce First Community Bank Grand Opening on 3/2/22:*

Mayor Jones announced the grand opening of the First Community Bank 3/2/22.

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

There was none.

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

There was none.

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 8:19 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer