

Brookland City Council Minutes
November 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones.

Roll Call: Council present: Mike Bishop, Pamela McGee, 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 October 10, 2022, Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jason Cooper. Mayor Jones said 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 minutes passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Proclamation 2022-P1 – Congratulating Brookland High School Volleyball team on the 4A State Championship:

Attorney Kevin Orr read Proclamation 2022 P1 in its entirety. This Proclamation congratulates the Brookland Sr. High School Volleyball team on their 4A State Championship they achieved on October 29th. Therefore, making October 29, 2022 “Brookland Bearcat Day”.

Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins said there wasn’t any new updates. David did announce that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night on November 21 @ 6pm at City Hall.

Request for speed bumps to be placed at 1542 N. Oak Street:

Mayor Jones said he has had a request to place speed bumps on 1542 N. Oak Street. It was noted that vehicles were abusing the speed limit in that area. The mayor also said that there were other streets in the city that had requested speed bumps. The council agreed that this would be a good idea to slow down the vehicles. Mayor Jones said he would start the process.

Resolution 2022-19 – Resolution to amend 2022 budgets and move second round of ARPA money from ARPA account to General Fund account:

This is a resolution amending the city and rescue grant budgets for the purpose of claiming police salaries and employer payroll contributions.

Kevin Orr read Resolution 2022-19 in its entirety.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Resolution 2022-19 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept Resolution 2022-19 passed by a vote of 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Old Business

Previous Month’s Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed October’s Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 10-31-2022 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$970,121.01
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$113,954.21
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$487,825.95

Concrete trucks blocking streets while pouring concrete; can city require a permit:

This issue will be looked at on an individual basis since certain areas have more room to operate and certain areas are less spacious.

Food trucks in the city:

The food truck issue has been handled by the Planning Commission by a “non-conforming use” data sheet that is to be completed by the user.

Campers in the city:

Attorney Kevin Orr said he will draft an ordinance that will limit the use of a camper that is set-up on a residential area. Kevin said that the draft would be a good place to start so that the council can have their input on the restrictions before the final ordinance is voted on.

301 Stevens; discuss possible purchase:

Mayor Jones said that this property has already had an offer made to purchase by someone else. He stated that if anything changed, he would let the council know.

Dustin Norwood from the Brookland Police Department spoke the council. He introduced himself and shared with the council some of the cases that he had been working on.

Mayor Jones excused himself from the meeting while Attorney Kevin Orr spoke to the council. Mr. Orr asked the council to consider a benefit increase for the mayor’s position. He noted that there were some issues with health insurance when an individual becomes the age of 65. Since the new budgets would be set next month, it would be a good time to act on the issue. The council said they would consider it.

Mayor Jones returned to the meeting.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the floor?

There was none.

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 the motion to adjourn passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer