

Brookland City Council Minutes

June 14, 2021

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

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

Mayor Jones announced that Martin Crain was absent because of illness and Jason Cooper was absent due to work related issues. He asked if the council wanted to pay Martin and Jason for the meeting, since both gentlemen had legitimate excuses. Mike Bishop made a motion for the city to pay Martin Crain and Jason Cooper for the June 14th, 2021 meeting. 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 passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve May 10, 2021 Brookland City Council minutes as written. 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 accept the city council minutes from May 10, 2021 passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Brookland Parks Committee Update:

There was no new information to report.

City Attorney Kevin Orr to discuss city options to collect cost related to cleaning detention ponds in Phase I of Brookland Hills:

Attorney Kevin Orr discussed the options the city had to collect cost related to cleaning the detention ponds in the Brookland Hills Phase I area. Since no one claims to have ownership, the city could clean the ponds of vegetation and then place a lien on the different taxpayers of the Phase I area. Mayor Jones will gather more information on the cost to maintain the ponds upkeep and will report back at next month's meeting.

Storm Shelter Policy:

It was decided to wait until all members of council were present to discuss the Storm Shelter Policy. The matter was tabled until July's meeting.

Shirley Street - Thompson Subdivision:

Mayor Jones reminded the council about Shirley Street that is in the Thompson Subdivision is needing pavement. Since the developer can no longer be reached, the Mayor thought that the city should act to asphalt the street since it is regarded as a city street. The council agreed. The Mayor said he would do a cost analysis and report back next month.

Proclamation declaring results of special election:

The Certificate of City Clerk Certifying Proclamation and Ballot was read in full to the city council. The Council accepted the Proclamation. The City Clerk Billy Dacus signed and sealed the (3) documents. Mayor Jones signed to verify the voting results.

Some dates to be noted:

The 30-day challenge begins the day of the proclamation announcing certification of election is run in local paper.

June 14 - Craighead County will release the certification of the special election on bond.

June 14 – City Council meeting @ 7pm Proclamation to be read and council to approve.

June 17 – Schedule to run announcement/post of Certification in (5) places.

July 17 – 30-day challenge period is complete.

July 26 –Special City Council meeting to finish paperwork to complete bond election issue. Must have 2/3 of Council members and City Clerk/Treasurer to attend this special meeting. Reason for special meeting is to finalize paperwork on the bond election that can possibly save interest on the bonds.

August 9 – This regular schedule City Council meeting will be when paperwork is finished. Must have 2/3 of Council members and City Clerk/Treasurer to attend this special meeting.

Vector Mosquito Control Report: Mayor Jones read the report to the council. He did note that Jim Stark would be back next month to give the report and answer questions.

Old Business

Discuss property at 247 Brady Ln. - Pamela McGee said she viewed the house at 247 Brady Lane which belongs to the city from the outside this past month. Mayor Jones and David Gambill visited and inspected the house as well as the property. After looking at the house, both Mayor Jones and David thought the construction of the house was still sound. The Mayor asked the council what they wanted to do with the property. It was decided to put the property on the market to see if would sell. Mayor said he would look for a realtor, gather information, and report back to the council the findings at the July City Council Meeting.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both May's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 5-31-2021 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$408,289.96
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$343,735.91
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$343,281.16

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ *Approval to pay Planning Commission for 6/14/21 special meeting, since they did not have a regular meeting on 6/1/21* – Mayor Jones said he would like to pay the Planning Commission for their 6/14/21 special meeting since they did not have a regular meeting on 6/1/21 due to lack of an agenda. The council agreed this would be fine.
- ✓ *Acknowledge \$500 donation to Brookland Police Department Equipment Fund for a bullet proof vest from Shane Faulkner with Woodmen of the World - Equipping Our Hometown Heroes Program* – Mayor Jones said he wanted to acknowledge the \$500 donation and noted it was greatly appreciated.

- ✓ Mayor Jones asked the Council if Justin Ladd could be added to the Brookland Parks Committee. The mayor noted that Justin had been involved with the Brookland Summer Baseball Program and he would be a nice addition to the committee. David Gambill made a motion to add Justin Ladd to the Brookland Parks Committee. The motion was seconded by Mike Bishop. 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 add Justin Ladd to the Brookland Parks Committee passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

Pamela McGee asked about some of the lots around the city that have not been mowed or maintained that have tall grass. Mayor Jones said letters have been sent to the owners and if they do not respond in a timely matter, they will be cleaned up by the city and owners will be charged by the city.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

There was none.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion to adjourn passed 4 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer