

Brookland City Council Minutes
January 11, 2021

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

Mayor Jones noted to the Council that the first order of business was to replace the vacancy on the Council of Ward 2 Position 2. There were two people present that were interested in the spot. Pamela McGee of 103 N. Lynch and Bryan Shipman of 202 W. Hinkley. Both candidates introduced themselves to the council and asked to be considered. Wilson Shipman made a motion to accept Bryan Shipman to the position. Due to a lack of a second, the motion died.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Pamela McGee to the position. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened the motion to the council for further discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones called for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, David Gambill: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Wilson Shipman: N. Mayor Jones announced the motion to accept Pamela McGee to the Ward 2 Position 2 vacancy passed 4 Yays to 1 Nay.

Mayor Jones swore-in Pamela McGee to the council and she took her place at the table for the remainder of the meeting.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve December 14, 2020 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 December 14, 2020 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Ordinance 2021-01 - Ordinance to accept Whispering Hills Phase 1 & Phase 2 Water, Sewer, & Street Infrastructure:

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-01 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-01 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 2021-01 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-01 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-01 by title only. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to suspend the rules to council for discussion. 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 2021-01 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-01 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-01 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2021-01 to council for discussion. Jason Cooper asked the location and if all requirements have been met. Mayor Jones that the location

was the old horse farm and that all the requirements had been met. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Pamela McGee: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2021-01 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 2021-01. 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 2021-01 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2021-02 - Ordinance to accept Cameron Place Water, Sewer, & Street Infrastructure:

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-02 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-02 by title only. David Gambill 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 2021-02 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-02 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-02 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 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 2021-02 by title only passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-02 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-02 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2021-02 to council for discussion. Jason Cooper asked the location. Mayor Jones that the location was east of the railroad tracks, off of Missouri Street. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Martin Crain: Y, Pamela McGee: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2021-02 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 2021-02. 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 2021-02 passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Parks Committee required for Grant:

Mayor Jones told the council that a (5) member Parks Committee was required for the Grants that the city had applied for last year. The Mayor asked the council to be thinking of people who might want to serve on this committee and to let him know so that the committee could be put in place and voted on in February's meeting.

Old Business

Karla & Darrin Block - regarding sewage issue at 107 N Oak St:

Darrin and Karla Block were not present at the meeting; however, Attorney Kevin Orr addressed the council with some of the findings and information that he had gathered since the last meeting. Mr. Orr noted that he had spoken with the insurance attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Block. The insurance company wants the city to be responsible for the total expenses for the sewage issue. However, that total is still in question and responsibility is still being debated. With much discussion and more information needing to be gathered, it was decided by the council to table the issue until February's meeting. David Gambill made a motion to table the issue to next month. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. 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 Yays to 0 Nays.

City Park Land Purchase, Stephens Inc.:

More information is still in the process of be gathered. This issue has been moved to February's meeting.

City of Brookland Sanitation & Discuss Bluebag Recycle Program:

The Mayor stated he is still working on the numbers, expense, and benefits of starting a sanitation department in the city of Brookland. The council agreed that the matter needed to be researched thoroughly. This will be taken up later.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both December's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 12-31-2020 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$374,443.33
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$256,876.98
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$335,744.93

Mayor Jones presented the council with a hand-out that showed the sales tax revenue and state turn-back revenue for the 2020 year. With all things considered, it was not a bad year for the revenue.

Review & Approve Final Brookland Utilities Audit for 2018-2019 – Mayor Jones went over the audit report from Despain Luther Short & Co, CPA's for the Brookland Utilities Department for the years 2018-2019. The Mayor went over several pages of the report and explained the findings to the council.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the 2018–2019 Utility Audits as presented via Despain Luther Short and Company. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened the motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ *Virtual AML Conference Jan. 13-15 - Register to attend.*

Mayor Jones made the announced that the Winter AML Conference would be virtual this year and held January 13-15. Registration is needed to attend.

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 Jason Cooper. 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 7:50 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer