

Brookland City Council Minutes
March 8, 2021

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

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

David Gambill made a motion to approve February 8, 2021 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 February 8, 2021 passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

New Business

Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP - Bond Ordinances for Brookland Parks Improvement, Sewer Improvement & City Hall:

Michael Moyers of Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP addressed the council about the bond issues. He explained that there are (2) Ordinances and (1) Resolution that needed to be adopted by the council. Mr. Moyer reviewed each document with the council and enlightened everyone on the contents of the ordinances and the resolution. He and Mayor Jones noted that since a copy of the ordinances and resolution were in the packets that were passed out to the council last week and since the council is familiar with them; that they could suspend the rules of reading the documents in full and proceed with reading the ordinances and resolution by title only.

Ordinance 2021-03 – *This is an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2015-25 to authorize the net collections of the 2% sales and use tax levied within the city of Brookland, Arkansas by Ordinance No. 2015-25 to be used to pay and secure the repayment of bonds approved by the voters and issued by the city from time-to-time to finance and refinance capital improvements; and prescribing other matters relating thereto.*

David Gambill made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03 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 asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: **Y** Pamela McGee: **Y** Wilson Shipman: **Y**
Martin Crain: **Y** David Gambill: **Y**

Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. Attorney Michael Moyers read Ordinance 2021-03 for the first reading by title only.

Martin Crain made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03 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 asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: **Y** Pamela McGee: **Y** Wilson Shipman: **Y**
Martin Crain: **Y** David Gambill: **Y**

Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. Attorney Michael Moyers read Ordinance 2021-03 for the second reading by title only.

Martin Crain made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-03 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 asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: **Y** Pamela McGee: **Y** Wilson Shipman: **Y**
Martin Crain: **Y** David Gambill: **Y**

Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-03 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. Attorney Michael Moyers read Ordinance 2021-03 for the third and final reading by title only.

Jason Cooper made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 as read. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to adopt to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: **Y** Pamela McGee: **Y** Wilson Shipman: **Y**
Martin Crain: **Y** David Gambill: **Y**

Mayor Jones announced the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 as read passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Resolution 2021-04 – *This is a resolution to accept the amending of Ordinance No. 2015-25 “to authorize the net collections of the 2% sales and use tax levied within the city of Brookland, Arkansas by Ordinance No. 2015-25 to be used to pay and secure the repayment of bonds approved by the voters and issued by the city from time-to-time to finance and refinance capital improvements; and prescribing other matters relating thereto” by Ordinance 2021-03.*

David Gambill made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04 as read. Pamela McGee seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to adopt to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: **Y** Pamela McGee: **Y** Wilson Shipman: **Y**
Martin Crain: **Y** David Gambill: **Y**

Mayor Jones announced the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04 as read passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2021-05 – *This is an ordinance calling a special election in the city of Brookland, Arkansas on the questions of issuing bonds under amendment No. 62 to the constitution of the state of Arkansas for the purpose of financing and refinancing all or a portion of the costs of capital improvements; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.*

David Gambill made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05 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 asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: Y Pamela McGee: Y Wilson Shipman: Y
Martin Crain: Y David Gambill: Y

Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the first reading of Ordinance 2021-05 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. Attorney Michael Moyers read Ordinance 2021-05 for the first reading by title only.

Jason Cooper made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05 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 asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: Y Pamela McGee: Y Wilson Shipman: Y
Martin Crain: Y David Gambill: Y

Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. Attorney Michael Moyers read Ordinance 2021-05 for the second reading by title only.

Martin Crain made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05 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 asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: Y Pamela McGee: Y Wilson Shipman: Y
Martin Crain: Y David Gambill: Y

Mayor Jones announced the motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-05 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays. Attorney Michael Moyers read Ordinance 2021-05 for the third and final reading by title only.

David Gambill made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-05 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened the motion to adopt to council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote.

Jason Cooper: Y Pamela McGee: Y Wilson Shipman: Y
Martin Crain: Y David Gambill: Y

Mayor Jones announced the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-05 as read passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Old Business

Parks Committee:

Mayor Jones submitted two more names to serve on the Parks Committee.

Jason Cooper made a motion to approve Julie Thomas and Juan Cavazos to serve on the Parks Committee. The motion was seconded by Pamela McGee. 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 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ms. Thomas and Mr. Cavazos join David Loggins, Bobby Bishop, and Sharon Hopkins who were approved to serve on the parks committee last month.

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both February's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 2-28-2021 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$392,626.19
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$277,877.67
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$309,648.68

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ *State of the City Report* - Mayor Jones read the State of the City Report to the council. The Mayor highlighted the ups and downs that the city faced in 2020. He hoped that 2021 will be a bright year to come.

David Gambill made a motion to accept the reading of the State of the City Report. 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 passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

- ✓ *41 Everett Bolton Lane* – Mayor Jones informed the council about the issue with the sewer connections at 41 Everett Bolton Lane. The council were given a copy of a letter in their packet that addressed the situation. The Mayor said that Attorney Kevin Orr had been working on this and a letter of response has been sent to the owner of the property. The city is waiting for a response from the owner.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

Jason Cooper asked about the pavement issues on Eason Street. Mayor Jones stated that he had people looking into the issue. Martin Crain questioned whether it is legal to park a tractor trailer in a driveway in a subdivision. There was some debate on the subject on the pros and cons before the subject was dropped.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

David Loggins from the Brookland Hills Subdivision spoke about the process of the speed bumps in the subdivision. He noted that he done a poll on Facebook asking if they were needed. Mr. Loggins noted that the ones that voted were in favor for them.

Mr. Loggins also noted that the solid information needed to get out to the public regarding the up coming election to extend the bond.

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 5 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer