

Brookland City Council Minutes
August 9, 2021

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve July 12, 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 July 12, 2021, passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve July 26, 2021, Special Brookland City Council meeting 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 July 26, 2021, passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

State Representative of District 53 Jon Milligan and County Judge Marvin Day addressed the council. Mr. Milligan passed out a summary of law changes from the General Legislation approved this year. They both noted that if anyone needed them, they could be contacted.

New Business

Vector Disease Control - Monthly Report:

Jim Stark from Vector Disease Control read a summary of the monthly report to the council. He noted that there had been several flyovers and they would continue to battle the mosquitoes.

Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins announced that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night on August 16 @ 6pm at City Hall. He said he would like to invite everyone to attend. They would again be discussing the items that would be in the parks as well as a possible theme for each park.

Ordinance 2021-09 - Street Cut Ordinance:

This is an ordinance to regulate the opening or cutting of public streets, alleys, and sidewalks; The requirement for permit before work is to begin; Regulating restoration materials for completion; requiring barriers and lights in connection with such excavation; providing penalties for violation thereof and for related purposes.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-09 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-09 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 2021-09 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-09 second reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the third and final reading of Ordinance 2021-09 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 2021-09 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-09 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-09 as read. David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2021-09 to council for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2021-09 had passed by a vote of 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to accept the Emergency Clause as read in Ordinance 2021-09. David Gambill 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 2021-09 passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

Ordinance 2021-10 - to amend Ordinance 2016-20 Section 3:

This is an ordinance to set how water meter installation rates and parts replacement due to damage are set and the repeal of ordinance numbers 1965-2, 1969-3, 1983-1, 1998-4, and 2016-20.

Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-10 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made a motion to suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2021-10 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 2021-10 by title only passed 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

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Kevin Orr read Ordinance 2021-10 third and final reading by title only. Mike Bishop made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-10 as read. Jason Cooper seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then opened Ordinance 2021-10 to council for discussion. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones asked for a roll call vote. Mike Bishop: Y, Wilson Shipman: Y, Jason Cooper: Y, David Gambill: Y, Pamela McGee: Y. Mayor Jones announced that Ordinance 2021-10 had passed by a vote of 5 Yays to 0 Nays.

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Compact Excavator for Utility Dept; discuss options for payment:

Mayor Jones wanted to ask the council how they wanted the city to pay for the Compact Excavator for the Utility Department. After a discussion, it was decided to move the funds out of the sewer maintenance line item to equipment line item and just pay for excavator.

Old Business

Discuss property at 247 Brady Ln. – Mayor Jones announced to the council that the property had been surveyed but does not have a dollar amount. He hoped to have more information at next month’s meeting.

Discuss city options to collect cost related to cleaning detention ponds in Phase I of Brookland Hills:

Mayor Jones noted that he had (2) more bids for the cleaning of the detention ponds. The bids were both from NEA Lawn Pro itemized differently. The bids were for \$78,924.63 and \$70,084.63. The mayor said he would seek more bids but wanted the council to note that the cost to fix the detention ponds would expensive. There was a long and lengthy discussion on how this expense would be funded with input from the council, a resident of the area, attorney Orr and Mayor Jones. There was no clear-cut answer to the question, and it will continue to be discussed further in future meetings.

Shirley Street - Thompson Subdivision:

Mayor Jones said that he got a quote of \$40,900 to get the street ready to pave. This would include curbs and gutters, but no asphalt. More information will be gathered.

Previous Month’s Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed both July’s Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 7-31-2021 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$433,778.08
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$387,477.99
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$378,300.84

Mayor’s Notes:

- ✓ *Discuss/ask council members if any would prefer to receive their packets electronically for review?* – Mayor Jones asked the council if they would be interested in getting their packets electronically via email. There was not enough interest to pursue this issue.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council?

There was none.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor?

David Loggins asked if Phase III of Brookland Hills were going to get any streetlights. Mayor said he would check on the situation.

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 5 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer