

Brookland City Council Minutes
August 8, 2022

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve July 11, 2022, Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. 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

Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins announced that there would be a Brookland Parks Committee meeting Monday night on August 15 @ 6pm at City Hall. He also noted that the Sports Complex cost would be around 3.065 million dollars.

Vector Disease Control - Jim Stark:

Jim couldn't attend the meeting. He reported to the mayor early that things were going well, and the mosquitoes would probably increase since the heavy rainfall in the area. Nightly sprayings are continuing with a fly over spraying scheduled soon.

Wayne Mahan – Owner of Wayne's Auto and Tire:

No one was present at the meeting. No action was taken.

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

The council discussed if the city would want to require a permit for concrete trucks blocking the street while pouring concrete. Requiring a permit would provide documentation in the event that any damage or issues occurred. It was noted that it might be hard to police the situation and that there shouldn't be a heavy fee involved for the permit. The idea of including this permit with the building permit was discussed as well. More information will be gathered and presented to the council later.

Steve Phillips – To address the council regarding food trucks wanting to be set up in the overlay district along Hwy 49N:

Steve Phillips, chairman of the Planning Commission addressed the council about food trucks wanting to be set up in the overlay district along Hwy 49N. He noted that guidelines needed to be set by the council. Attorney Kevin Orr said he would investigate the issue to help the council set boundaries.

Chairman Phillips also said that guidelines were needed to regulate the placing of camper trailers on residential lots that already has people living on them. There could be exceptions, but this would need to be called out in an ordinance. Attorney Orr said he could write up an ordinance and let the council decide what needed to be included.

Old Business

Previous Month's Financials:

Mayor Jones reviewed July's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 7-31-2022 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$910,492.94
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$449,347.07
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$450,167.88

Discuss adding one more planning commissioner:

Chairman Phillips addressed the council again about adding one planning commission member. The commission has five now (including the chairman that does not vote unless of a tie). The council said since the city is growing so rapidly, that another member would be needed. To increase the number to six; a change must be done by an ordinance. Attorney Orr said he would work on one.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the council?

Martin Crain asked if a ditch that runs north and south behind city hall could be cleaned out? Mayor Jones said that he didn't know if the ditch could be made any deeper than what it is now. He said he would explore the matter.

Martin Crain asked about a major pothole that was located on East Matthews Street. Mayor Jones noted that he and the street crew were aware the problem. The mayor said that they are working on the situation trying to get drainage set so that they can fix the problem and it doesn't happen again.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything from the floor?

There was none.

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 6 Yays to 0 Nays. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer