

Brookland City Council Minutes
December 30, 2016 (Special Meeting)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Jones

Roll Call-Present: Alderman Mike Bishop, Alderwoman Linda Anderson Reece, Alderman Wilson Shipman, Alderman William Thompson, Alderman David Gambill, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Absent: Alderman Jody Kirk & Attorney Kevin Orr.

Discuss bids submitted on the 400,000-gallon elevated storage tank- The bid lettings for (3) projects of the Water System Improvements were held December 20, 2016 at the Brookland City Hall. Contract #3 – the water storage tank project received (3) bids. The low bid of \$1,248,000.00 was submitted by Maguire Iron, Inc.; however, the preliminary design information submitted by Maguire was not in compliance with specifications. Lance from Civil Engineering passed out a copy of the bids to the council and discussion on the bids began. The highest bid from Caldwell Tanks at \$1,396,000.00 also did not meet the specs. That only left (1) bid by Phoenix Fabricators at \$1,307,019.00, which were the second lowest and under the projected budgeted project. There was a discussion to accept this bid or possible re-bid the project with highlighted details. It was decided to accept the (1) bid by Phoenix because they were recommended by Civil Engineering and because re-bidding the project a second time often leads to higher bids. Once the project is re-bid, the original bids are no longer valid. David Gambill made a motion to concur with Civil Engineering recommendation to award Phoenix Fab the bid on contact #3 at \$1,307,019.00 for the 400,000-gallon elevated storage tank. The motion was seconded by Mike Bishop. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. The motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Award contracts on the water improvements projects (1-water lines, 2-well house and well, and 3-water storage tank) –

Project 1- Water Line Work: (10) bids were received for this project. The low bid, \$646,167.00, was submitted by Rainwater Construction Company, LLC, of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Rainwater's bonding agent is on the list of federally approved surety companies and they have a current contractor's license. Based on this information, Civil Engineering recommended award of the contract to Rainwater Construction. Mike Bishop made a motion to award Rainwater Construction contract #1 at \$639,267.00 for the water line work. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. The motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Project 2- Well House and Well: (2) bids were received for this project. The low bid, \$477,065.00, was submitted by Carl Baldwin Construction, Inc. of Wynne, Arkansas. Baldwin's bonding agent is on the list of federally approved surety companies and they have a current contractor's license. Based on this information, Civil Engineering recommended award of the contract to Carl Baldwin Construction. Mike Bishop made a motion to award Carl Baldwin Construction contract #2 at \$477,065.00 for the well and

well-house. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being none, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. The motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Project 3- Water Storage Tank: This was decided on in the above discussion in the first item of business of the special council meeting on 12/30/16.

Mayor Jones to discuss appointment of the person for police chief – Mayor Jones stated that he would like to let the council know that he would like to appoint Jon Moore as the new Chief of Police for the City of Brookland. Mayor Jones stated he would like to know if any council members have any objections or concerns about Jon Moore becoming police chief. All council members thought this was a good decision for Brookland Chief of Police position. Jon, who is well known by the council and city residents, stated that he is looking forward to serve the community. Mayor Jones also announced that Janssen Settlemoir will become the new captain. Blake Miller will take on the new title of CID/patrolman. This is a newer position to help follow up on crime incidents with the victims.

Resolution 2016-30 (*Amending 2016 Budgets for the City of Brookland-General, Utility, Street*) – This is a Resolution amending the 2016 budgets for the General, Utility, and Street Funds for the City of Brookland, Arkansas and for other purposes. Mayor Ken Jones read Resolution 2016-30 in its entirety. Mike Bishop made motion to accept Resolution 2016-30 as read. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and opened motion to council for discussion. Mayor Jones explain that state law requires the city to amend the budgets if they have any line items over spent. The new resolution has the amended line items adjusted. The monies have been moved around to meet the requirements but the final monies are the same and has not been changed. All bottom line items match. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones then called for a vote.

Mayor Jones announces the motion accepting of Resolution 2016-30 has passed by vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Wilson Shipman made motion to adjourn. Second by David Gambill. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 5 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, Recorder