

Brookland City Council Minutes
July 10, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jones

Roll Call: Council members present: Mike Bishop, Jean Gandy, David Gambill, Wilson Shipman, Martin Crain, Maghen Carpenter, Attorney Kevin Orr, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and City Clerk Billy Dacus.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve June 12, 2017 Brookland City Council minutes as written. Seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to accept the city council minutes from June 12, 2017 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve June 26, 2017 Brookland City Work Session minutes as written. Seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to accept the city council minutes from June 26, 2017 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

Vector Disease Control – Jim Stark: – Jim Stark passed out booklets recapping the mosquito surveillance and control report for the month of June. He stated that Vector will do an aerial spray of the city on July 12. Jim also stated that it looked like the mosquitoes were a little worse in June 2017 than they were in June 2016. Vector will keep working to keep the mosquitoes under control.

Appointment of Ralph (Sonny) Crain to Brookland Planning Commission – Mayor Jones stated there was an opening on the Brookland Planning Commission. He was approached by Ralph (Sonny) Crain wanting to fill that position. Mayor Jones stated that he would like to appoint Mr. Crain to fill that position. David Gambill made a motion to appoint Ralph Crain to the Brookland Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Jean Gandy. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to appoint Ralph Crain to the Brookland Planning Commission had passed 5 yeas to 0 nays, with Martin Crain abstaining.

Jim Gulley - Address to the council on city building, plumbing, electrical, and HVAC permit process – Mr. Gulley was not present at the meeting.

Ordinance 2017-13 to accept Phase I Brookland Hills infrastructure to city – Ordinance 2017-13 was presented to the council. Attorney Orr read the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading will be done in the August Brookland City Council meeting.

Old Business

Condemnation of properties – Doug Frederick – City Inspector Doug Frederick presented to the council a list of condemnation that was started in May 2017. Owners were to be present before the council to give reasoning for their properties.

21 Keith Road -Jason/Vickie Jackson – Jason or Vickie Jackson were not present at the meeting. David Gambill made a motion to proceed with the condemnation process on 21 Keith Road. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to proceed with the condemnation process on 21 Keith Road had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

113 West School -McHalfey – Representatives from the family of the property owner were present at the meeting. It was noted that Linda McHalfey was the owner and Tammy McHalfey has the power of attorney. Since the owner nor the power of attorney were not present at the meeting, it was decided to proceed with the condemnation process. Martin Crain made a motion to proceed with the condemnation process on 113 West School Street. The motion was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for further discussion. It was explained to the representatives that the condemnation process would be bided out and could take up to 4 to 6 weeks before demolition took place. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to proceed with the condemnation process on 113 West School Street had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

100 East School -Janetta Butler – Janetta was not present at the meeting. David Gambill made a motion to proceed with the condemnation process on 100 East School. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to proceed with the condemnation process on 100 East School had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

202 West Smith - Barbara Smith – Mayor Jones stated that John and Barbara Smith contacted him last week stating that they thought the property was sold. They wanted to request from the council an extension until August (30 days) to see if the property sold. David Gambill made a motion to give a 30-day extension of the condemnation process to the owners of 202 West Smith. The motion was seconded by Martin Crain. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for any further discussion. Being no more discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to give a 30-day extension of the condemnation process to the owners of 202 West Smith had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

200 McCarty - Philip Oatsvall – Philip Oatsvall was present at the meeting. He stated that he has been remodeling the property at 200 McCarty. City Inspector Doug Frederick was allowed to inspect the property. He confirmed that the remodeling looks great and stated that Mr. Oatsvall was doing a good job. Based on the recommendation of the city inspector, a motion was made by Martin

Crain to let Mr. Oatsvall continue to make improvements to the property. The motion was seconded by Mike Bishop. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for any further discussion. Being no more discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to let Mr. Oatsvall continue to make improvements to the property had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

102 Hayes - Brian Howard – Brian Howard was present at the meeting. Brian asked the council for a 30-day extension to make improvements. David Gambill made a motion to give a 30-day extension of the condemnation process to the owner of 102 Hayes Street. The motion was seconded by Jean Gandy. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to give a 30-day extension of the condemnation process to the owner of 102 Hayes Street had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

306 West Matthews - David Chadwick – David Chadwick was present at the meeting. David explained to the council that he was working to improve another house on the property that he intended to move in to. He stated that he was living northwest of Jonesboro and was limited to the work that he could get done with the travel distance in the afternoon. He told the council that he would soon be moving to the home adjacent to the property and would be able spend more time on the improvements. He asked the council for a one-year extension to investigate the property at 306 Matthews and decide whether to renovate that property or to demolish it. David Gambill made a motion to give a one-year extension of the condemnation process to the owner of 306 West Matthews. The motion was seconded by Wilson Shipman. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for any further discussion. Being no more discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to give a one-year extension of the condemnation process to the owner of 306 West Matthews had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

177 Brady Lane – What is the progress now- Mayor Jones stated that there is no process to report. They have set some blocks on the foundation, but no mortar has been applied. Mayor Jones with the council approval told the City Inspector (Doug Frederick) to restart the condemnation process on 177 Brady Lane.

Mayor Jones asked the council for a short break so that he could set-up his projector for the annexation update. Mike Bishop made a motion to take a short recess. Seconded by Wilson Shipman. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for discussion. Being no discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to take a short recess had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. He stated the meeting would resume at 8:00 pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:00 pm.

Annexation update – Mayor Jones projected a map of the borders of the current city limits on the screen. He then added the possible new border areas that the council were considering for annexation. There were several different borders (all that were discussed in the June 26th meeting) that covered the north, south, east, and west. There was much discussion on where to exactly place these borders and how much area should be annexed. The Mayor asked for feedback from the floor if anyone wanted to

comment. There was discussion as to why and how far the annexation would be. The Mayor stated that the annexation was needed before the census of 2020 to be counted as the population of the city. After very much careful discussion of the pros and cons of annexation, it was decided not to go south. It was decided to go north to Goobertown Road. David Gambill made a motion to go with the drawing as presented July 10th, 2017 Brookland Council meeting to go to Goobertown Road. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for any further discussion. The council and the floor discussed again the pros and cons of an annexation. Being no more discussion, Mayor Jones then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion had passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed June's Financial Reports. The following are 6-30-17 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$218,889.22
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$128,444.39
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$261,367.89

Mayor's Notes –

WIP 2016-01 - well & tank-field project– Mayor Jones stated that the well was being erected and top should be placed on the tank hopefully by the weekend. He also said that work was coming along on the upgrade to the inter-city water lines but it is taking some time to complete.

Thank you note address to the Brookland Police Department – Mayor Jones read an email from Gary Gibbs thanking the BPD for helping their child realizing how important it is to wear a seat belt inside an automobile.

Mayor Jones asked if there is anything else from the council? There was no discussion.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? There was no discussion.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jean Gandy. Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer