

Brookland City Council Minutes
April 9, 2018

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

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

Mike Bishop made a motion to approve March 12, 2018 Brookland City Council minutes as written. The motion was 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 the motion to accept the city council minutes from March 12, 2018 passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

New Business

There was no new business slated for this month's meeting.

There were several candidates that are vying for spots in the upcoming elections that introduced themselves to the council and floor. They each told a little about themselves, the positions they were seeking, and their platforms. The gentlemen were: Mitchell Tipton running for Circuit Clerk; Cole Peck running for State Representative, and Jeff Presley running for Craighead County Judge. They each asked the people to consider them when casting their votes.

Old Business

WIP 2016-01 – well & tank-field project update from Jason MacDonald with Civil Engineering Associates– Mayor Jones updated the council in the absence of Jason. The mayor noted that the waterlines were mostly finished, and Mr. Rainwater was in the process of cleaning up some of the rough spots left behind in laying of the lines. The well-house should be completed this week or early next week.

Leon Glenn: Request waterline extension north on Hwy 49 north of Pine log (CR762) – The Mayor asked the council their thoughts on this request. Wilson Shipman noted that he thought the city should consider going in the South direction before going north. It was decided to wait upon this request until a possible later date.

Purchase of 401 Holman – Update – Mayor Jones read to the council some of the rates and terms he had gotten from different loan entities. After a discussion by the council of these findings, a motion was made by David Gambill to go with First Community Bank for the loan of one-hundred-fifty thousand with the purchase price set at one-hundred-twenty-five thousand for 401 Holman. The motion was seconded by Wilson Shipman. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for further discussion. It was questioned to how the extra twenty-five thousand dollars would be used. Mayor Jones explained the Public Library would have to be separate from the museum. The twenty-five thousand would be used to section-off a part of the building that would house the library. Electrical, cable service, and computer updates for community use would also be a used with this money. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays.

Auction of home located at 307 Bernis & other misc. items – Mayor Jones stated the auction was a success. After the fees and expenses were taken out, \$26,153.93 was taken from the auction. The bidding process for demolition of the house, then the bidding for the retention pond will be the next steps.

W. Matthews Street widening project; Logan St. to S. Oak St.– Mayor Jones stated that he has given the paperwork to the patrons involved for their review. He is expecting to hear back from them soon.

Previous Month's Financials – Mayor Jones reviewed March's Financial Checking Account Reports. The following are 3-31-18 ending balances for the main operating checking accounts:

1. General Fund ending balance was \$187,506.75
2. Street Fund ending balance was \$100,990.84
3. Utility Fund ending balance was \$345,130.72

Mayor's Notes:

- ✓ Arkansas Municipal League Convention – Mayor Jones announced that the AML's Spring Convention will be held June 13 – 15. He stated if any official that was interested in going needed to let him know soon.
- ✓ City Storm Shelter – Mayor Jones announced that there were (16) people that came to the shelter during the 4/13/18 storm outbreak. He noted it was nice to have a place that the citizens of Brookland could come to when severe weather threaten the area. There were also some different issues discussed that would make the shelter a better for the people.
- ✓ Petition Annexation – Mayor Jones announced that the deadline for the petition annexation is Thursday, April 12. The Mayor was concerned about the voting status of those individuals that were included inside this annexed area. The concern was that since they would be considered inside the city when the May 22 primaries came, if there would be time to change their polling situation and would it be affected. Attorney Kevin Orr noted that he didn't think there would be a problem since there are no city issues on primary ballots.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the council? Mike Bishop said he wanted to make a motion to bring back the original election annexation that was before the council in 2017. He stated that the city needed to move forward on annexation before the 2020 city census. Several council members agreed, and David Gambill seconded the motion. Mayor Jones stated motion and second and then opened motion to the council for further discussion. The council discussed the pros and cons about annexation with the people that were present at the meeting and then discussed when would be the best time to have the election. It was decided that it would best to have the annexation placed on the November ballot during the general election. Being no further discussion, Mayor Jones called for a roll-call vote. Mike Bishop: Yes; Jean Gandy: Yes; David Gambill: Yes; Maghen Carpenter: Yes; Martin Crain: Yes; and Wilson Shipman: Yes. Mayor Jones announced the motion passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. Process to proceed would began immediately.

Mayor Jones ask if there is anything from the floor? Andrea Alley thanked the city for help with cutting-out of a tree-root system that was in the ditch behind her property on Brookland Street.

There was a discussion about the bi-annual city-wide yard sales and clean sweeps that occur in the city. It was noted that it may be better to have this event once a year instead of twice a year. It was stated that turn-out for the yard sales has been down and some people are waiting for the clean sweep to get rid of their junk instead of hauling it off themselves. More thought will be addressed to this issue later.

Wilson Shipman made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by David Gambill. Mayor Jones stated motion and second, then called for a vote. Mayor Jones announced motion to adjourn passed 6 yeas to 0 nays. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM by Mayor Jones.

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Billy Dacus, City Clerk/Treasurer