



City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: August 5, 2024

Type of Meeting: Special

Called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Kenneth Jones

COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDANCE: (P = Present A = Absent)					
David Gambill	A	Jason Cooper	P	Mayor Kenneth Jones	P
Pamela McGee	P	David Loggins	P	Attorney Kevin Orr	A
Candice Bishop	P	Wilson Shipman	P	Clerk/Treas. Julie Thomas	P

New Business:

1. Review new jail contract with Craighead County:

Mayor Jones presented the council with an updated contract for the Craighead County Detention Center. The contract sets minimal guidelines for housing prisoners and includes monthly costs in the amount of \$5,518.48 for that service. Jones explained that costs are calculated retroactively based on prisoners detained in the previous year. No decision was made to accept the contract and Jones advised the council to look it over for discussion at the August regular meeting.

2. Discuss West Matthews Street expansion to HWY 49N:

Mayor Jones presented the council with an invoice from Craighead County Judge's Office for work on the extension between West Matthews Street and HWY 49N. The bill is for \$122,437.89 and is moderately itemized. Jones stated that he would contact the Judge's office to ask about payment terms.

3. Review Police Department building plan revisions:

John Mixon (Cooper & Mixon Architects) was present to address the council regarding possible options for moving forward with the construction of a new police department. Recent bids received by the city for construction of a new Municipal Building, which would house both city hall and the police department, are significantly higher than anticipated costs when the project began. Mixon discussed an option for construction of the police department only, with an estimated completed cost of approximately \$1,500,000. This option would allow the city to move forward with this project, satisfy the bond requirements, complete a significant portion, with the potential to add on at a later date and house city hall facilities. Mayor Jones asked the council to consider this option and discussed possible outcomes if they decided against it. No decision was made regarding this proposal and Jones asked Cooper & Mixon to attend the regular monthly meeting for August (8/13/24) when a decision can be made about how to proceed.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: David Loggins

To: Adjourn the meeting

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0
Meeting adjourned at: 7:44 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer