



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 12, 2024

Type of Meeting: Regular

Called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Kenneth Jones

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

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated October 8, 2024, as presented

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

New Business:

1. Proclamation for Brookland Lady Volleyball State Champions:

No action was taken on this item.

2. Proclamation for Brookland Lady Golf State Champions:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Proclamation 2024-P1 to congratulate the Brookland Lady Bearcats High School Golf Team on their 2024 4A-3 State Championship win.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve Proclamation 2024-P1 as read

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

3. Bill Campbell:

Bill Campbell came before the council to ask for consideration in hiring him on a contract basis for grant writing services. After some questioning and discussion to Mr. Campbell and among the council members, it was decided that the City of Brookland would not proceed at this time with contracting Mr. Campbell for grant writing services.

Old Business:

4. Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins, Parks Committee Chairman, was present to give the council an update on the status of the city parks. Loggins stated that two smaller parks are almost completed. Mayor Jones added information about the current expenditures for the small city parks.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve completion of both small city parks with updated costs (East Ridge and Smith Street)

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

5. ARDOT sidewalk project 101143 updates:

No updates on this issue at this time.

6. Ordinance 2024-16 3rd reading of Water Shut off policy (ally meters):

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2024-16 by titles only

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-16 for the 3rd and final reading by titles only

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Accept the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2024-16 as read by titles only

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	David Loggins	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

7. Ordinance 2024-18 – 3rd and final reading to approve/disapprove La Cascada Restaurant’s Liquor license to go before the ABC Board:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-18 by titles only for the third and final reading

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Accept Ordinance 2024-18 3rd and final reading as read

Discussion: Council member David Loggins asked if this motion was to approve the liquor license. Mayor Jones explained that the motion was to accept La Cascada doing business within the city limits of Brookland if it is approved to obtain a liquor license from the ABC Board. Jones added that the restaurant still has to apply for the liquor license and intends to do so with approval from the city to continue doing business. Council member Wilson Shipman asked about the restaurant’s proximity to Brookland Public Schools and whether it was outside the perimeter required for selling alcohol. Mayor Jones reminded Shipman that La Cascada Restaurant is outside the required perimeter. Jim Lyons, attorney for La Cascada, was also present to answer questions.

For: 4 Against: 2 Motion: Passed 4-2

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	David Loggins	No
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	No

8. Ordinance 2024-21 – Setting water rates starting 1/1/2025:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2024-21 by titles only

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-21 by titles only for second reading.

9. Ordinance 2024-22 -- Setting wastewater rates starting 1/1/2025:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2024-22 by titles only

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-21 by titles only for second reading.

10. Monthly financials for General, Street, and Utility Funds:

October 2024	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$1,022,505.22	\$434,762.06	\$528,392.89
Ending Balance:	\$970,285.61	\$346,914.12	\$511,461.15

Mayor's Notes:

- **Discuss adding Mike Bishop as another signer for checks:**

Mayor Jones asked the council to consider adding Mike Bishop as a signer for checks.

Motion by: David Gambill

Second by: Wilson Shipman

To: Add Mike Bishop as a check signer for the General, Street, Utility and Meter Deposit accounts

Discussion: None

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: David Loggins

To: Adjourn the meeting

For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

Meeting adjourned at: 8:05 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer