



City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

Work Session Meeting:

Date of Meeting: June 3, 2025

Type of Meeting: Work Session Meeting

Called to order at 6:02 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	A	Attorney Kevin Orr	A
Candice Bishop	P	Wilson Shipman	A	Clerk/Treas. Julie Thomas	P

Mayor Jones explained that the work session meeting was called to discuss some issues that will be addressed at the upcoming regular city council meeting set for June 10, 2025. Jones added that the Jonesboro Sun had been adequately notified of the meeting, as required by law.

Agenda:

1. Massey Ferguson Tractor – Witcher Auction Bid options:

Mayor Jones told the council that the city had received a bid of \$19,250, through Witcher Auctions, for the sale of the 2012 Massey Ferguson Tractor. Jones added that the city was given a trade-in value for the tractor of \$22,000, for an approximate valuation. Jones asked the council to consider accepting the bid for \$19,250 since it was close to the trade-in value and a reasonable bid.

2. Sportsplex Bid – Discuss options:

Mayor Jones brought up the recent bid received for the sportsplex project. Jones said he wasn't completely happy with that bid, especially when compared to the original bid, because of the difference in costs for several items, which seem to be inflated. Jones mentioned a new revenue stream, called a Community Assistance Grant, worth a possible \$1.5 million, that the city has begun seeking. Jones added that the grant is through EAPDD (East Arkansas Planning Development District). Jones explained that he was advised to consider halting progress on the sportsplex project, temporarily, to see if the city is awarded this grant money. Jones included that, if the city receives the Community Assistance Grant and combines that with the current funds available for the sportsplex, there should be enough total funding to complete the entire original proposed complex, with the exception of lighting on 2 of the small fields. Jones added that the city is currently pursuing this grant and has already begun the application process, which has a deadline of July 31. Jones mentioned that he would present a resolution at this month's regular council meeting, set for June 10. **After the other items on the agenda were discussed, Jones added that he had received a phone call from a local businessman, who is interested in building an indoor baseball facility, and asked about the possibility of locating it close to or on the sportsplex site. Jones told the council that he is not certain

that it is possible for that to happen, due to the size of the facility and the amount of land available, however, he is open to discussing the possibilities with the interested parties.

3. Resignation of Brookland City Council Member David Loggins as of May 31, 2025:

Mayor Jones informed the council that he received a letter of resignation from councilmember David Loggins, which was dated to take effect May 31, 2025. Jones read aloud the letter and said he would present it again at this month's regular council meeting.

4. Discuss House Bill 1606-Regarding operating certain vehicles (UTVs) on roadways:

Mayor Jones told the council about House Bill 1606 that was passed this year, regarding driving certain types of motorized vehicles on roadways. Jones stated that the law was already in effect, however, the change includes allowing cities to pass an ordinance with specific rules about where those types of vehicles may and may not be driven. Jones mentioned that citizens would likely be split on their opinion of adopting a new ordinance. Discussion among the council included risks involved with allowing these motorized vehicles (atvs, utvs, golf carts) on the city streets. Jones spoke about what other surrounding communities are currently doing with regard to this issue. No action was taken, and Jones urged the council to consider how the city should handle this issue.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: Candice Bishop

To: Adjourn the meeting

For: 3 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 3-0

Meeting adjourned at: 6:22 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer