



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: November 11, 2025

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	Lachelle Sipes	P	Attorney Kevin Orr	A
Candice Bishop	P	Wilson Shipman	P	Clerk/Treas. Julie Thomas	P

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated October 14, 2025, as written

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Vector Disease Control – Mosquito Report:

Mayor Jones presented a report from Vector Disease Control for the months of September-October 2025. Council member Wilson Shipman asked about a price increase for this service. Jones answered that the terms of the current contract include a price increase in 2026.

2. Kerri Annable- Ordinance 2002-16; Allowing 4-wheelers, 3-wheelers, or similar vehicles on city streets:

Kerri Annable, Brookland resident, came before the council to ask about allowing golf carts and side-by-side type vehicles on city streets. Annable encouraged the council to consider allowing and regulating the usage of these types of vehicles because of the benefits she experiences from riding with her own young child every evening. Discussion from council members included several safety issues with these types of vehicles. The council decided to table this issue and ask the Brookland Police Department to attend next month's meeting to continue the discussion and give their input.

3. Appointing Jeff Chaplain to the Planning Commission:

Mayor Jones told the council that Jeff Chaplain was supposed to attend the meeting to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Chaplain was not present. The council decided to wait to see if Chaplain was still interested in this position and would attend a future meeting.

4. Ordinance 2025-19 – Accepting Phase 2 Hidden Creek water main, sewer main, and streets:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the 3-rule reading requirement and read aloud Ordinance 2025-19 by titles only.

Discussion: None

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

*Mayor Kenneth Jones read aloud Ordinance 2025-19 by titles only

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2025-19 as written

Discussion: None

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	Lachelle Sipes	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt the Emergency Clause in section 4 of Ordinance 2025-19.

Discussion: None

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	Lachelle Sipes	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

5. Ordinance 2025-20 – Accepting Phase 1A of Fitzgerald Crossing water main, sewer main, and streets:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the 3-rule reading requirement and read aloud Ordinance 2025-20 by titles only.

Discussion: None

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

*Mayor Kenneth Jones read aloud Ordinance 2025-20 by titles only

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2025-20 as written.

Discussion: None

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	Lachelle Sipes	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

Motion by: Jason Cooper
Second by: David Gambill
To: Adopt the Emergency Clause in section 4 of Ordinance 2025-20.
Discussion: None
For: 6 **Against:** 0 **Motion: Passed:** 6-0

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	Lachelle Sipes	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

- 6. **EAST Lab presentation – Hygiene box at Bernis/Smith Street Park:**
Withdrawn at this time
- 7. **Ordinance 2025-? – Adopting Utility Rate Study:**
Withdrawn at this time

Old Business:

- 1. **Sportsplex update:**
Mayor Jones gave the council an update on the Sportsplex project. Jones stated that Sara Stoker with EAPDD notified him that the Governor’s team is still going through Citizen’s Assistance grant applications. Jones will update the council as soon as he receives notice from the agency.
- 2. **Municipal Building Project update:**
Michael Bishop, City of Brookland Engineer, updated the council on the status of the Municipal Building project. Bishop discussed what has been completed thus far on the project.
- 3. **Brittaney Lane – SRO Officer – discuss questions regarding K-9 unit for High School:**
No one was present to speak on this issue.
- 4. **Monthly Financials for General, Street, and Utility Funds:**

October 2025	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$522,503.83	\$139,480.03	\$504,891.62
Ending Balance:	\$507,230.01	\$150,649.53	\$522,754.04

*Mayor Jones explained that there were some expenses in the General Fund related to repairs and maintenance for police department vehicles-Tahoe and Dodge Durango.

*Mayor Jones informed the council that the Utility Rate Study will be conducted soon and there may be another required rate increase. Jones stated that he would update the council as needed. Jones added that the city has closed out the Municipal Building bond with Farmers & Merchants Bank. Jones reminded the council to review the Proposed 2026 budgets on their desks. Finally, Jones notified the council that they should be reimbursed soon for money used to clean out the Maple Slough ditch and, depending on when it is received, it should be included in the 2026 budgets.

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had anything to add. No comments. Jones opened the floor for any comments. There were none.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:35 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer