



# City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

**Public Meeting:**

**Franchise Bond for Phase 1 of Municipal Building**

**Meeting Opened: 7:00 PM by Mayor Kenneth Jones**

**Discussion:** Michael Moyers, attorney with Friday, Eldridge & Clark, LLC, came before the council, as required by law, to present information on the Franchise Tax Bond for Phase 1 of the Brookland Municipal Building. Bobby Williams asked for clarification on where the money for the Franchise Tax Bond is coming from. Mayor Jones answered that it is assessed and collected with the cable and electric bills. Jones added that it is not a new tax or fee being added, instead, it comes from a portion of an existing tax. No other questions were asked.

**Meeting Closed: 7:02 PM**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Date of Meeting: March 11, 2025**

**Type of Meeting: Regular**

**Called to order at 7:02 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:** Wilson Shipman

**To:** Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated February 11, 2025, as written

**Discussion:** None

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

**New Business:**

**1. Ordinance 2025-08 Franchise Bond Ordinance for Phase 1 of Municipal Building Project**

Michael McBride, with Stephens Inc., underwriters for the bonds, came before the council to provide information regarding the bond sale for the proposed Municipal Building project. McBride covered the bond sale, annual interest rate, and approximate annual payment amount. Michael Moyers, attorney with Friday, Eldridge & Clark, LLC, was also present to provide an ordinance for issuance of the franchise tax bond and inform the council of requirements for the bond repayment. Moyers added that First Community Bank will act as trustee for the bond funds and explained the process for the city to requisition funds, which are issued directly by the bank, to pay for work on the Municipal Building project. Moyers added that the principal amount of the bond is \$1,215,000.

**Motion by:** David Gambill

**Second by:** David Loggins

**To:** Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2025-08 by titles only

**Discussion:** None

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

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

\*Michael Moyers read aloud Ordinance 2025-08 by titles only for 1<sup>st</sup> reading

**Motion by:** David Gambill

**Second by:** David Loggins

**To:** Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2025-08 by titles only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Discussion:** None

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

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

\*Michael Moyers read aloud Ordinance 2025-08 by titles only for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

**Motion by:** David Loggins

**Second by:** David Gambill

**To:** Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2025-08 by titles only for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading

**Discussion:** None

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

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

\*Michael Moyers read aloud Ordinance 2025-08 by titles only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading

**Motion by:** David Loggins

**Second by:** David Gambill

**To:** Adopt Ordinance 2025-08 as written

**Discussion:** None

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

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

\*Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adopt the Emergency Clause in section 5 of Ordinance 2025-08

**Motion by:** David Loggins

**Second by:** David Gambill

**To:** Adopt the Emergency Clause in section 5 of Ordinance 2025-08

**Discussion:** None

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

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

**3. Condemnation Hearing for 127 Brady Lane:**

Wade Shapp, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Brookland, presented information on the property located @ 127 Brady Lane. Shapp went over the condition of the property and the home located on the premises. He provided current photos for the council to review. His recommendation is for the structure to be torn down and everything removed. Shapp provided time for the property owners to speak, however, no one was present at the meeting. Mayor Jones advised that, if the property owner does not contact the City of Brookland, within the allotted time frame, with plans to renovate the building and get the property back up to code, that the city will draft a resolution and vote at the next meeting to condemn the building.

**2. Condemnation Hearing for 105 Brooks Street:**

Wade Shapp, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Brookland, presented information on the property located @ 105 Brooks Street. Shapp informed the council of the condition of the mobile homes located on the property and presented current photos. Shapp detailed the process and procedures he went through, in accordance with city ordinance, to begin the condemnation process. Shapp included that his recommendation for both mobile homes was to be demolished and hauled away, however, Shapp added that the property owner had recently begun demolition of one of the mobile homes and renovation/cleanup of the other. Sharon McCamey, property owner, came before the council to speak on behalf of her property. McCamey asked about what could be added or built on her property since adding another mobile home is not an option. Mayor Jones and Attorney Kevin Orr advised McCamey to go before the Brookland Planning Commission or see City Inspector, Shawn Dacus, for information on what is allowed on the property, according to its zoning code.

**Old Business:**

**4. Ordinance 2025-04 Blazing Buffalo alcohol permit – 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading by titles only:**

**Motion by:** David Loggins

**Second by:** Jason Cooper

**To:** Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2025-04 by titles only for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading

**Discussion:** None

**For: 5      Against: 0      Motion: Passed 5-0      (Wilson Shipman was away from the podium)**

\*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2025-04 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading by titles only

**Motion by:** David Loggins

**Second by:** Jason Cooper

**To:** Accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading by titles only of Ordinance 2025-04

**Discussion:** None

**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

**5. ARDOT sidewalk project 101143 updates:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that he is still waiting on ARDOT to decide on this issue. Jones added that he will update the council as this project continues.

**6. Monthly financials for General, Street, and Utility Funds:**

February 2025	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$810,557.80	\$371,639.40	\$545,420.46
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	\$760,192.97	\$241,663.67	\$548,144.13

**Mayor’s Notes:**

• **Parks Update:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that the two small city parks are now open. There are still a few things to be added for completion, however, residents are able to enjoy the park amenities while those things are added. Mayor Jones included that he would like to have an official grand opening of the parks. More information to come soon.

• **Inform council about delaying February water shut-offs due to extremely cold weather:**

Mayor Jones informed the council that during the month of February, he made the decision to delay water shut-offs because of the extremely cold winter weather, adding that he didn’t want to make things harder on residents in case they had frozen pipes or other issues.

• **State of the City Address:**

Mayor Jones gave the State of the City Address to the council members and those in attendance. Jones highlighted the progress made in the city, the fund balance changes throughout 2024, and other issues that the city faced during the year.

**Motion by:** Wilson Shipman

**Second by:** David Gambill

**To:** Accept the 2024 State of the City address

**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: 8:07 PM**

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Kenneth Jones, Mayor

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Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer