



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: August 11, 2026

Type of Meeting: Regular

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

Council Member Attendance:

Present: David Gambill, Candice Bishop, Jason Cooper, Lachelle Sipes, Wilson Shipman, Attorney Kevin Orr, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Clerk/Treasurer Julie Thomas

Absent: Pamela McGee

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated July 14, 2026, as written

Discussion: None

For: 5 **Against:** 0 **Motion:** Passed 5-0

Special meeting minutes:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council Special meeting minutes dated July 20, 2026, as written

Discussion: None

For: 5 **Against:** 0 **Motion:** Passed 5-0

New Business:

1. Discuss quote on Ally water meters:

Tim Harrington, City of Brookland Water Superintendent, spoke to the council about the benefits of using the proposed new Ally water meters.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Purchase new Ally water meters as stated in the presented Bid Proposal for \$62,772.84.

Discussion: None

For: 5 **Against:** 0 **Motion:** Passed 5-0

2. Discuss Ordinance 2013-04; Section 6, Item d:

Mayor Jones explained to the council that, while reviewing Ordinance 2013-04, it was noted in Section 6, Item d, that a supplemental beverage tax is to be collected and remitted to the City of Brookland, by private clubs who prepare, serve, and/or cool mixed drinks, beer, wine, and light wine. Jones added that, to his knowledge, the city has never received monies collected for this tax, nor is he aware of any businesses operating in the city, who have an alcoholic beverage permit, that have

ever collected or remitted monies for this tax. Jones explained that in order for Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration to collect and remit the tax, the Ordinance would need to be sent to the DFA in Little Rock. Jones went on to say that the city would ask local businesses if they have been collecting the tax and, if so, allow them to remit it to the city. Jones asked the council how they would like to proceed with this issue: ask business owners to remit the tax for the sale of alcoholic beverages retroactively or inform business owners that they are responsible for collecting and remitting the tax going forward. Council members discussed asking business owners to collect and remit the tax going forward and not asking them to do so retroactively.

3. Resolution 2026-09 Brookland City Council declaring the intersection of US HWY 49N and School Street an immediate public safety hazard:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2026-09.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Resolution 2026-09 as read.

Discussion: Council member Lachelle Sipes asked if this resolution would be an immediate declaration. Attorney Kevin Orr explained the purpose of the resolution and the ways in which community members and residents of Brookland could respond to encourage change for the issue.

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: YES

Pamela McGee: ABSENT

Candice Bishop: YES

Jason Cooper: YES

Lachelle Sipes: YES

Wilson Shipman: YES

4. Ordinance 2026-10 setting speed limit on Dixie Road; and school zone speed limit:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-10 in its entirety for the 1st reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2026-10 by titles only for 2nd reading.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-10 by titles only for 2nd reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2026-10 by titles only for 3rd and final reading.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-10 by titles only for 3rd and final reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2026-10 as read.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: YES

Pamela McGee: ABSENT

Candice Bishop: YES

Jason Cooper: YES

Lachelle Sipes: YES

Wilson Shipman: YES

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt the Emergency Clause in Section 2 of Ordinance 2026-10 as read.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: YES

Pamela McGee: ABSENT

Candice Bishop: YES

Jason Cooper: YES

Lachelle Sipes: YES

Wilson Shipman: YES

5. Ordinance 2026-11 rezone 432 Dixie Road from R-1 to C-2:

Steve Phillips, chairman of the Brookland Planning and Zoning Commission, came before the council to explain the rezoning request. Phillips added that the property met the requirements.

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-11 in its entirety for the 1st reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2026-11 by titles only for 2nd reading.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-11 by titles only for 2nd reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2026-11 by titles only for 3rd and final reading.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-11 by titles only for 3rd and final reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2026-11 as read.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: YES

Pamela McGee: ABSENT

Candice Bishop: YES

Jason Cooper: YES

Lachelle Sipes: YES

Wilson Shipman: YES

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt the Emergency Clause in Section 3 of Ordinance 2026-11 as read.

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: YES
Jason Cooper: YES

Pamela McGee: ABSENT
Lachelle Sipes: YES

Candice Bishop: YES
Wilson Shipman: YES

Old Business:

1. Ordinance 2026-08 – 2nd reading for Private Club Permit for TKKJ Pizza, Inc.:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-08 for the 2nd reading. The next reading will take place at next month’s regular meeting on September 8, 2026.

2. Monthly Financials for General, Street, and Utility Funds:

July 2026:	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$214,929.51	\$139,563.00	\$574,334.79
Ending Balance:	\$202,868.97	\$80,858.56	\$585,735.85

Mayor Jones explained some of the expenses in the following fund accounts:

General & Street Funds: The city is still owed money for the construction of sidewalks and for drainage work on Shirley Street.

Mayor’s Notes:

- Vector Disease Control monthly report: Mayor Jones presented the monthly Mosquito Report. No questions were asked.

****At 7:57 PM, Mayor Jones asked the council to go into Executive Session.**

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Go into an Executive Session

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

****At 8:08 PM, the council came out of Executive Session.**

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Resume the regular meeting

Discussion: None

For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

No decisions were made during the Executive Session. The council discussed an employee issue.

- 2027 Bond Report: Mayor Jones informed the council that there was nothing new to add to this item. Jones said he would update the council on how and where they were able to discuss the Bond issue with residents and community members who are interested.

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had anything to add. Council member Jason Cooper asked the mayor if the TKKJ Pizza, Inc. private club organization was fully compliant with rules for serving and

selling alcoholic beverages (certain distance from schools, churches, daycare facilities). Mayor Jones responded that the business was in full compliance regarding distance from certain facilities.

Mayor Jones asked if there was anything from the floor. George Kennedy, Superintendent of Brookland Public School, came forward to officially invite the mayor, council members, and community to the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Brookland Intermediate School on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 12:30 PM.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Adjourn the meeting

For: 5 **Against:** 0 **Motion: Passed 5-0**

Meeting adjourned at: 8:19 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer