



City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: July 14, 2026

Type of Meeting: Regular

Called to order at: 7:02 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 June 9, 2026, as written

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Ordinance 2026-06 – To adopt utility rate study:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-06 in its entirety for the 1st reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2026-06 by titles only for the 2nd reading.

Discussion: None

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

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-06 by titles only for the 2nd reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud Ordinance 2026-06 by titles only for the 3rd and final reading.

Discussion: None

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

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-06 by titles only for the 3rd and final reading.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2026-06 as written.

Discussion: Trey Foster, with Civil Engineering Associates, came before the council to go over the 2026 Water & Sewer Rate Study he prepared for the City of Brookland.

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 6 of Ordinance 2026-06.

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

2. Resolution 2026-07 – To amend the 2026 General and Street Fund Budgets:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2026-07 to amend the 2026 General and Street Fund Budgets.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Resolution 2026-07 as read.

Discussion: None

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

3. Ordinance 2026-08 – 1st reading for Private Club Permit for TTKJ Pizza, Inc.:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2026-08 in its entirety for the 1st reading.

Mayor Jones announced the next reading of Ordinance 2026-08 would be August 11, 2026, at the regular monthly meeting.

Old Business:

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

June 2026:	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$276,284.08	\$150,139.03	\$551,650.43
Ending Balance:	\$214,929.51	\$139,563.00	\$574,334.79

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

General Fund: The city is still awaiting reimbursement from ARDOT for completed sidewalks. There are several items that are one-time only fees that came due. Mosquito control fees are paid monthly during treatment months.

Street Fund: There were expenses for Lawn services (3 months of prior service billed at once). 15 loads of chat were purchased this month for work to be done on Hinkley Street.

Utility Fund:

****Council member Wilson Shipman left the meeting at 7:46 pm.**

Jones added the following regarding bonds:

Farmers & Merchants Bank: 2021 bond balance is \$5,191,322. This year's payment has not yet been made. The 2021 bond for the Brookland Sportsplex still has a balance of \$2,077,260.40.

First Community Bank: The city is currently just making payments on this bond.

2. Kaylin Wood – Community Garden:

No one was present to speak on this issue.

3. Craighead County Interlocal Agreement:

No action taken on this issue at this time.

Mayor's Notes:

- 2027 Bond Report: Jones reported there is nothing new to discuss on this issue. He added that a news release with local media is coming in a few weeks.
- Vector Disease Control monthly report: Mayor Jones presented the monthly Mosquito Report.
- ARDOT Update: Jones reminded the council that moving forward with this issue is dependent on the outcome of the November 2026 general election.
- Chief Moore – regarding complaints from residents who are not calling dispatch: Brookland Police Chief Jon Moore came before the council to remind residents that they should call dispatch for non-emergency issues that may require police, fire, EMS, or first responder intervention. Moore explained that calling dispatch is the best and most efficient/effective way to respond to issues and get officers/responders on the scene as quickly as possible to assist when needed. Moore added that it is always appropriate to call 911 for emergency issues. Chief Moore added that the city recently received a reimbursement check of approximately \$11k for expenses related to an officer whose training was paid for by the City of Brookland and who then went to work for the City of Trumann, Arkansas.

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had anything to add. No response.

Mayor Jones asked if there was anything from the floor. No response.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Candice Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Adjourn the meeting

For: 4 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 4-0

Meeting adjourned at: 8:15 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer