

Brookland Parks Committee Meeting
Monday, May17, 2021 @ 7:00 pm
Brookland High School Auditorium

- 7:01 Meeting called to order by Brookland Parks Committee President, David Loggains. Members present include Sharon Hopkins, Julie Thomas, and Bobby Bishop. Also present were council members Wilson Shipman and Pam McGee, Mayor Jones, and several community members.
- 7:02 David Loggains discussed the proposed city parks, municipal building, and sewer project that Brookland citizens will vote for on June 8, 2021. He explained the purpose of each one and why it is beneficial for the city of Brookland. David presented a video created by Brookland EAST Lab students that gave more information about the proposed projects. David explained to those in attendance that (5) YES votes are needed in the upcoming election in order to extend the sales tax and complete all of the intended parks, municipal building, and sewer projects. He emphasized how these additions would improve the quality of life in Brookland, giving the city a possible revenue-generating sports complex, a new city hall/municipal building for our citizens to be proud of, and installing a new sewer main on HWY 49 to attract new businesses to the community.
- 7:05 David went on to explain to those in attendance how the YES votes do not include a new city sales tax, just an extension of the existing one, put into place in 2015. He discussed the full and complete transparency of the tax, explaining that any excess funds would go to pay off the bonds early, that the city would not receive the extra monies. He reiterated the (5) YES votes would do the following: First (2) would restructure the bonds and the other (3) would be YES to a new sports complex, municipal building, housing police station and city hall, and finally, the addition of a sewer main along the west side of HWY 49.
- 7:10 David opened the floor for questions to be asked. No questions were asked. David informed attendants about the Facebook page created to inform citizens about the Brookland Parks Projects called Friends of Brookland. He mentioned the need to create a Parks Committee. David explained how an extension of a sales tax is a better fiscal decision for the city than obtaining money through loans. He went into a further discussion about the proposed parks and their amenities, the cost of the municipal building being at roughly 1.95 million dollars.
- 7:13 Jason MacDonald from Fisher Arnold made some comments about having worked with the City Brookland on projects in the past. He talked about the proposed projects and their benefits to the residents of Brookland.
- 7:15 David Loggains answered a question from the audience regarding the current sales tax percentage being 2%.

- 7:18 David Loggains asked Mayor Jones if he had any questions or comments. Mayor Jones restated some of David's previous comments about the proposed parks, municipal building, and sewer projects and the benefits to the residents and City of Brookland.
- 7:20 Wilson Shipman discussed how he has small grandchildren and how these additions would benefit them for years to come. He mentioned that the softball complex would help bring revenue to the city.
- 7:21 David again asked the audience if there were any questions. He made comments that reviewed what he had previously discussed.
- 7:23 Police Chief Moore made comments about the need for a bigger city hall building and police station. He said the police department has outgrown their current location. He mentioned how passing this bond would make this happen.
- 7:24 David Loggains asked the audience again if there were any questions or comments. There were none. It was decided that the Brookland Parks Committee would have meetings on the third Monday of every month, with the next meeting being set for Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 6:00 pm at Brookland City Hall. Motion was made by David Loggains to adjourn. Second by Sharon Hopkins. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.