



City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: January 9, 2023

Type of Meeting: Regular

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

Councilmembers Present/Roll Call: David Gambill, Pamela McGee, Mike Bishop, Jason Cooper, David Loggins, Wilson Shipman, Mayor Kenneth Jones, and City Clerk Julie Thomas.

Absent: Attorney Kevin Orr

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion by: Mike Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated December 12, 2022, as written

Discussion: None

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

Mayor Jones asked the council to meet Heather Owens, Prosecutor, as a potential replacement for the previous city Prosecutor, Jessica Thompson. The council asked a couple of questions and Mayor Jones explained the details of her employment by the city would follow later.

New Business:

1. Review Meeting Procedures:

Mayor Jones presented a copy of Ordinance No. 2016-02, *An Ordinance Establishing City Council Meeting Rules and Procedures* to councilmembers. There was no discussion or questions from the council on this item. The city council will continue to conduct its meetings according to this ordinance.

2. Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins, Parks Committee President, mentioned that an ad for the Sportsplex recently ran in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Interested parties have until February 7 to submit bids. They will then be read by Mayor Jones and Fisher & Arnold. Small parks will be bid out soon. Those bids may run in the Jonesboro Sun for local contractors. Next Parks Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2023. Mayor Jones asked the committee if there were any questions.

3. Resolution 2023-01: Amending the 2022 General, Street, and Utility Fund Budgets:

A resolution to amend the General, Street, and Utility Fund Budgets beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022, is needed. The budget was adopted December 13, 2021. The city needs to adjust the budget and close it. The city must approve the adjustment of the budget for the year

2022. The final budget shall be as follows: General Fund: \$1,723,617.09, Street Fund: \$1,046,339.00, and Utility Fund: \$1,407,218.00.

Motion by: Mike Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve the adjusted budget for year 2022 as presented above

Discussion: None

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

4. Ordinance 2023-02: Rezone 40 acres on W. School/Whitten Creed Rd. from C2 to R1:

First Reading: Mayor Jones read aloud Ordinance 2023-02 in its entirety: *An ordinance to amend ordinance 2020-14 known as the Zoning Map Ordinance for the City of Brookland, Arkansas providing a change in zone district.*

Motion by: Mike Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Suspend rules and go to a second reading of Ordinance 2023-02 by title only

Discussion: Wilson Shipman asked a question about the previous property owner.

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

Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 by title only:

Motion by: Mike Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Suspend rules and go to a third reading of Ordinance 2023-02 by title only

Discussion: None

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

Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-02 by title only:

Motion by: Mike Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Accept the third and final reading of Ordinance 2023-02 as read

Discussion: Wilson Shipman asked about the total acreage included and what part will be rezoned to R1. David Loggins answered. Mark Morris was present and explained what part of the land he would keep as C2 (300+- ft./School Street frontage).

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: Yes Pamela McGee: Yes Mike Bishop: Yes

Jason Cooper: Yes David Loggins: Yes Wilson Shipman: Yes

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

Accept Emergency Clause:

Motion by: Mike Bishop

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Accept the emergency clause in section 2 of Ordinance 2023-02 as read

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

David Gambill: Yes Pamela McGee: Yes Mike Bishop: Yes
 Jason Cooper: Yes David Loggins: Yes Wilson Shipman: Yes
 For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

5. Ordinance 2023-03 Adjusting Mayor’s Salary:

First Reading: *An ordinance amending Ordinance 2021-19 and setting the Compensation for the Mayor position of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, declaring an emergency: and for other purposes.*
 Mayor Jones reads Ordinance 2023-03 adjusting Mayor’s 1st reading entirely.

Motion by: Mike Bishop
 Second by: Jason Cooper
 To: Suspend rules and go to a second reading of Ordinance 2023-03 by title only
 Discussion: None
 For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

Mayor Jones: Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-03 by title only:

Motion by: Mike Bishop
 Second by: Jason Cooper
 To: Suspend rules and go to a third reading of Ordinance 2023-03 by title only
 Discussion: None
 For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

Mayor Jones: Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-03 by title only:

Motion by: Mike Bishop
 Second by: Jason Cooper
 To: Accept the third and final reading of Ordinance 2023-03 by title only
 Discussion: None
 For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

Accept Emergency Clause:

Motion by: Mike Bishop
 Second by: Jason Cooper
 To: Accept the emergency clause in section 8 of Ordinance 2023-03 as read
 Discussion: None
 For: 6 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 6-0

Old Business:

1. Campers in the city:

Attorney Kevin Orr was absent, so this item was tabled.

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

December 2022	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$1,272,089.38	\$244,406.45	\$484,446.82
Ending Balance:	\$1,248,288.07	\$210,689.03	\$472,014.09

Miscellaneous:

1. Ordinance Codification Books:

Mayor Jones asked councilmembers to return their old codification books to be updated as well as give new books to new councilmembers.

2. National Day of Racial Healing 2023 Proclamation:

Mayor Jones read the National Day of Racial Healing 2023 Proclamation. January 17, 2023, is hereby proclaimed as the National Day of Racial Healing 2023 in the City of Brookland, Arkansas.

3. Sale of Land on Barnett Street:

Mayor Jones explained that the Barker Brothers want to purchase an acre of land (outlined on the map handout) and are possibly interested in purchasing the entire piece of land, down to the existing creek, for a price of \$40,000. The land will be used for their asphalt business. They plan to build 2 steel buildings for use in running their business.

Motion by: David Gambill

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Sell property located on the south side of East Hinkley Street down to the center line of Maple Slough Ditch to Barker Brothers for \$40,000.

Discussion: None

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

4. State Aid Street Money:

Mayor Jones explained that the City of Brookland was turned down for state aid money, which was not included in the 2022 annual budget for the city. He explained that the city should receive this money next year.

5. Missouri Street Building:

Mayor Jones read aloud estimates for proposed improvements to a building on Missouri Street. He also discussed possible future plans for putting a roof over the old lagoon. Mayor Jones expressed that these items could be discussed at a later date due to the high costs of construction right now.

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: 7:45 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer