



City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: June 12, 2023

Type of Meeting: Regular

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

COUNCILMEMBER ATTENDANCE: (P = Present A = Absent)					
David Gambill	P	Jason Cooper	A	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: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated May 8, 2023, as presented

Discussion: None

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

Special meeting minutes:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council special meeting minutes dated May 22, 2023, as presented

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Jim Stark-Vector Disease Control-Monthly mosquito update:

Jim Stark from Vector Disease Control was present to update the council on the mosquito abatement program. Stark explained there had been 4 nightly sprays during the month of May 2023, with specifics on the coverage area. Stark included that there would be an aerial spray some time before July 4th.

2. Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins, Parks Committee Chairman, gave the update. No meeting for May 2023. Next meeting set for June 19, 2023. Loggins included that work is well underway at the sportsplex. Contracts have been accepted for the construction of the small parks. According to Mayor Jones, land clearance has begun at the Bernis St. Park and will begin soon at the Nelms St. Park.

Old Business:

3. Ordinance 2023-05 Campers/trailers in city – 3rd reading:

Motion by: David Gambill

Second by: David Loggins

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud ordinance 2023-05 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***Read aloud by Attorney Kevin Orr**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-05 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept emergency clause in section 13 of ordinance 2023-05 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

4. Ordinance 2023-06 to set 25 MPH speed limit-city where not marked – 3rd reading:

Motion by: David Gambill

Second by: David Loggins

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud ordinance 2023-06 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***Read aloud by Attorney Kevin Orr**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-06 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept emergency clause in section 6 of ordinance 2023-06 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

5. Ordinance 2023-07 Adopt 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) – 2nd & 3rd reading:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-07 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***2nd Reading by Attorney Kevin Orr**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-07 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-07 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***3rd/Final Reading by Attorney Kevin Orr**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-07 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

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

Motion by: David Gambill

Second by: David Loggins

To: Accept emergency clause in section 5 of ordinance 2023-07 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

6. Ordinance 2023-08 Adopt 2021 AR Fire Prevention Code - 2nd & 3rd reading:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-08 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***2nd Reading by Attorney Kevin Orr**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-08 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill
To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-08 by title only
Discussion: None
For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

***3rd/Final reading by Attorney Kevin Orr**
Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill
To: Accept the 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-08 as read by title only
Discussion: None
For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

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

Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill
To: Accept emergency clause in section 3 of ordinance 2023-08 as read by title only
Discussion: None
For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

7. Ordinance 2023-09 Adopt 2021 International Mechanical Code – 2nd & 3rd reading:

Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill
To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-09 by title only
Discussion: None
For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

***2nd reading by Attorney Kevin Orr**
Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill
To: Accept the 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-09 as read by title only
Discussion: None
For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill
To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-09 by title only
Discussion: None
For: 5 Against: 0 Motion: Passed 5-0

3rd /Final reading by Attorney Kevin Orr
Motion by: David Loggins
Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-09 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Wilson Shipman

To: Accept emergency clause in section 5 of ordinance 2023-09 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

8. Ordinance 2023-10 Adopt 2018 AR Plumbing Code – 2nd & 3rd reading:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-10 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***2nd reading by Attorney Kevin Orr**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 2nd reading of ordinance 2023-10 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and read aloud 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-10 by title only

Discussion: None

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

3rd /Final reading by Attorney Kevin Orr

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 3rd/Final reading of ordinance 2023-10 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept emergency clause in section 10 of ordinance 2023-10 as read by title only

Discussion: None

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

9. West Matthews Street – extension to Hwy 49N:

Mayor Jones presented a map to the council showing the proposed extension of West Matthews onto HWY 49N. Jones explained this land is being donated to the City of Brookland by Buddy Couch for increased ease of traffic flow within the city. This road will provide a right-hand only turn option onto HWY 49N and will allow for traffic to exit from HWY 49N (both north and southbound lanes) onto W. Matthews Street. Jones expressed to the council that this addition would help with drainage in the area as well.

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

June 2023	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$1,334,852.07	\$261,748.33	\$495,573.00
Ending Balance:	\$1,206,216.69	\$324,737.02	\$473,878.63

Mayor’s Notes:

1. Add another signer to bank accounts:

Mayor Jones asked the council to consider the appointment of Pamela McGee to sign checks on behalf of the city of Brookland. Jones stressed that there needs to be 3 check signers among the councilmembers, including the city clerk/treasurer. Mike Bishop was previously a check signer and recently resigned his position on the council due to his employment by the City of Brookland as City Engineer. This left an open position for check signer.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve Pamela McGee as a City of Brookland check signer for the city council

Discussion: None

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

2. Speed bumps:

Mayor Jones asked the council to reconsider the implementation of speed bumps around the city, as previously discussed. Jones discussed feedback and discussions he had with other cities regarding the pros and cons of speedbumps. One major complaint Jones presented involved the increased response time of emergency vehicles in areas where speed bumps are utilized. Jones urged the council to discuss other options to aid in reducing speeding vehicles through the city. Other options discussed among the councilmembers included letters to citizens, increasing fines for speeding, flashing digital speed signs, and the placement of stop signs in specified areas. These would include 3-way and 4-way stop areas.

3. Payment for councilmember Jason Cooper:

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve regular payment for councilmember Jason Cooper during his absence

Discussion: None

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

4. Councilmember Payments by Direct Deposit:

Pamela McGee asked about the possibility of direct deposit being available to city councilmembers in the future since it has recently been approved for city workers. Several council members expressed interest in being paid through direct deposit. Mayor Jones said he would discuss the possibility with the office manager.

5. Question about Grid smart Camera (School Street):

Someone from the floor asked about the Grid smart Camera system currently in use in the city. Mayor Jones explained what the camera system is for and how it benefits crime fighting within the city and surrounding areas.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: David Loggins

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:17 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer