



City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 9, 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	A	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 September 11, 2023, as presented

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

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

No report was provided for the month of September.

2. Brookland Parks Committee Update:

David Loggins, Parks Committee Chairman was present to give the council an update. He deferred speaking on the status of the parks until later in the meeting.

3. Resolution 2023-18 – Millage Resolution:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2023-18 setting the 2024 real and personal property tax millage at .00 for the City of Brookland.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve Resolution 2023-18 as read

Discussion: None

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

4. Ordinance 2023-19 – Amending Alcohol Ordinance 2013-04:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2023-19 amending the Alcohol Ordinance 2013-04.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-19 by title only.

Discussion: None

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

***2nd reading by Attorney Kevin Orr of Ordinance 2023-19 by title only.**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2023-19 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***3rd and final reading by Attorney Kevin Orr of Ordinance 2023-19 by title only.**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2023-19 as read

Discussion: None

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

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept emergency clause in section 2 of ordinance 2023-19 as read

Discussion: None

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

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

5. Ordinance 2023-20 – Loud Noise Ordinance:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2023-20 Loud Noise Ordinance.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-20 by title only.

Discussion: None

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

***2nd reading by Attorney Kevin Orr of Ordinance 2023-20 by title only.**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Suspend the rules and go to the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2023-20 by title only

Discussion: None

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

***3rd and final reading by Attorney Kevin Orr of Ordinance 2023-20 by title only.**

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Ordinance 2023-20 as read

Discussion: None

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

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

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept emergency clause in section 8 of ordinance 2023-20 as read

Discussion: None

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

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

Old Business:

6. West Matthews Street - extension to HWY 49N update:

Mayor Jones updated the council on the status of this project. He explained that the drainage ditch has a sufficient drop between the necessary spots and said that the next step is to check the depth of the gas line. He also explained that Mr. Couch plans to clear all trees on the right of way. Jones said he would update the council more at the next meeting.

7. West School Street turn lane; ARDOT agreement:

Mayor Jones gave an update regarding the addition of a W. School Street turn lane. Jones stated ARDOT had requested a letter from the City of Brookland stating the COB planned on moving forward with the project of adding turn lanes to School Street as soon as funding was approved. ARDOT wanted this letter as ARDOT will go ahead, and complete design of this project and it will be ready to let out for bids as soon as funding is allocated. Jones said he will update the council at the next meeting.

8. Library request for expansion:

Holly Storms, with the Brookland Public Library, presented the council with a diagram for an expansion and update to the current library facility, as well as a wish list for things to improve programming services to the public. Sarah Stewart was also present and spoke on behalf of the library staff requesting additional materials and updates to the current space. Mayor Jones explained that work should begin soon to update some of the inside space.

9. Matt Duryea with Arrowhead Fiber Optic – wants to run fiber optic in Brookland:

No one was present to speak on this item.

10. Planning Charette update:

Mayor Jones told the council that he has not yet received a report from James Walden with Garver from the planning charette. He will update the council at the next meeting.

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

September 2023	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$1,273,497.39	\$385,206.00	\$513,788.49
Ending Balance:	\$1,125,066.84	\$402,189.04	\$521,310.16

Mayor's Notes:

1. Proclamations:

2023-P3 Congratulating Brookland High School Girl's golf team on their 4A-3 conference and state championship wins.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Proclamation 2023-P3

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

2023-P4 Congratulating Brookland High School Boy's golf team on their 4A-3 state golf championship win.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Proclamation 2023-P4

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

2. Discuss two smaller inner-city parks:

David Loggins gave an update on the sportsplex and two smaller city parks. Loggins explained that work has progressed on all parks, however, the actual costs and bids for completion are coming in much higher than was originally planned for when the projects began 3-4 years ago. Mayor Jones advised the council to focus on completing the two smaller city parks as planned, with the funds available, thereby allowing the city to then apply for further grant funding to assist in the completion of the sportsplex.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Complete two small city parks Bernis/Smith Street Park and East Ridge Park

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

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Candice Bishop

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 8:04 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer