



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Date of Meeting: July 8, 2025

Type of Meeting: Regular

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

COUNCIL MEMBER ATTENDANCE: (P = Present A = Absent)					
David Gambill	P	Jason Cooper	P	Mayor Kenneth Jones	P
Pamela McGee	P	Lachelle Sipes	P	Attorney Kevin Orr	P
Candice Bishop	P	Wilson Shipman	P	Clerk/Treas. Julie Thomas	P

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated June 10, 2025, as written

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Vector Disease Control – Mosquito Report:

Mayor Jones presented the council with the most recent mosquito report received by Vector Disease Control. Jones explained that he notified the company of the need to drive through and spray a couple of roads that had been omitted and added that both areas are now being covered.

Old Business:

1. Sportsplex – Discuss bid and options:

Mayor Jones discussed the status of the sportsplex with the council. Jones reminded the council that the city has applied for a grant through EAPDD, which could potentially allow the city to more fully complete the project, close to the original proposed idea. Jones added that he is waiting for a letter of support from First Community Bank to complete the grant application. Jones stated that he will update the council as things continue to progress on this project.

Mayor Jones then presented a scaled drawing for a possible new business coming to Brookland. Jones explained that the owner is interested in constructing a building at the sportsplex site for indoor sports training, entertainment activities, and birthday parties. Jones asked the council for input, and he suggested the idea of the city becoming part-owner in the business to ensure the integrity of the sportsplex project in the long term. Council member David Gambill stated that he liked the idea of being involved in ownership of the business, if possible. Further discussion on this issue involved the possibility of the city being a partial owner, to make sure that if the business changes hands in the future, it will remain a sports and gym-related business.

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

June 2025	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$679,908.25	\$201,471.69	\$546,996.80
Ending Balance:	\$546,674.95	\$158,035.56	\$548,835.71

*Jones explained some of the expenses for the General Fund being public safety equipment for the PD as well as necessary computer updates.

*Jones explained some of the expenses for the Street Fund being the 2ft. road expansion on both sides of Stevens Street.

*Jones explained some of the expenses for the Utility Fund being the addition of sewer line on Dixie Rd.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:18 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer