



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting:

Date of Meeting: April 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	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: Jason Cooper

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated March 11, 2025, as written

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Vector Disease Control – Mosquito Report

Mayor Jones informed the council that there was no report to review for this month.

2. ADA Service Animal Law

Mayor Jones discussed the ADA Service Animal Law with the council. Jones stated that this law is relevant for many reasons, one of them being the recent bad weather, where residents utilized the storm shelter facility several times in one week. Jones explained that none of the residents brought in a service animal, however, one tried to bring an emotional support animal. Jones explained that, according to the law, those are not the same thing. Jones explained that service animals will be allowed to enter, however, emotional support animals will not. Councilmembers Shipman and Gambill asked questions about the law. Jones answered and clarified for both. Officer Wade Shapp, Brookland Code Enforcement Officer, explained some of the specifics of the ADA Service Animal Law for the council to understand. Attorney Kevin Orr presented a question he had received about separating people and animals into the storm cellar. Orr explained that creating a physical separation was not allowed by law for those with service animals, meaning you could not have a separate section for those who have a service animal.

Old Business:

1. Resolution 2025-09 – to condemn property @ 127 Brady Lane:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2025-09 for the condemnation of property located at 127 Brady Lane.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Adopt Resolution 2025-09 to condemn property located @ 127 Brady Lane as read

Discussion: None

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

2. ARDOT sidewalk project 101143 updates:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2025-10

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Adopt Resolution 2025-10

Discussion: Mayor Jones explained that this resolution is to announce the city's acceptance of 20% responsibility for the costs of the next phase (Phase 5) of sidewalk construction in Brookland if the city is chosen to receive grant funds.

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

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

March 2025	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$760,192.97	\$241,663.67	\$548,144.13
Ending Balance:	\$731,150.26	\$241,596.73	\$588,129.84

Mayor's Notes:

- **Nelms Park Update:**

Mayor Jones discussed a recent incident at Nelms Street city park. Jones explained that because of children hanging on the adjustable basketball goal, the handle has been removed and the height adjusted back to normal. Jones added that in the future, cameras will be installed for security.

- Danny Hicks, 107 Jera Cove, informed the council about the sidewalk located alongside his house, from the Saddle Ridge Subdivision down to Oak Street, which is deteriorating. Hicks also made some suggestions for the storm shelter, to make things better for residents while they are there. Mayor Jones informed Hicks that the city plans to install a television in the near future.

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: 7:26 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer