



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 14, 2026

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 March 10, 2026, as written

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Auction of 2008 Ford Animal Control/Code Enforcement Truck:

Mayor Jones notified the council that the city needs to auction a 2008 Ford pickup truck and some other miscellaneous items. Jones also informed the council that the city recently purchased a 2016 Ford F-150 Lariat truck for \$15,900, costing less than the \$20K budgeted amount.

2. Resolution 2026-04 to use Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds:

*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2026-04 regarding the Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Program funds.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Resolution 2026-04 as read

Discussion: None

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

Old Business:

1. Sportsplex update-2026 Bond 2% extension:

Mayor Jones presented the council with a list of possible projects that could be completed with bond funds if the citizens vote for an extension of the 2% city sales tax in the November 2026 general election. A copy of the ballot was also presented. Jones asked the council if they wanted to move forward on this. Council Member David Gambill asked about the accuracy of costs for the city’s portion of intersection upgrades with ARDOT. Jones stated that the costs presented on the list were the most current he had and that he had plans to speak with an ARDOT representative in the coming week. Jones said he would update the council with any changes. City Clerk Julie Thomas asked Jones if the storm shelter on the proposed list would be for the construction of a new shelter or addition to the existing one. Jones responded that the city would like to install a second storm shelter on the east side of Brookland at East Matthews and Nelms Streets. Jones added that the project would include the addition of 3 new warning sirens. Jones asked the council if they wanted to proceed with this plan. Council members expressed agreement. Council member Lachelle Sipes asked about plans for an additional city street to alleviate the school traffic as it pertains to the new school opening up on Dixie Road. Jones explained the city’s vision for the additional street and how it will help with school traffic congestion. Jones concluded that he would move forward with this proposal.

2. Municipal Building Project update:

Michael Bishop, City of Brookland Engineer, updated the council on the status of the Municipal Building project. Bishop indicated that the Municipal Building is almost complete, with final touches being done, and will be ready to be occupied soon. Mayor Jones added that there will possibly be a Grand Opening and Open House for the building on Tuesday, May 5, between 12:00-3:00 PM. Details to come soon.

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

March 2026:	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$450,337.27	\$200,714.07	\$530,696.66
Ending Balance:	\$409,602.03	\$241,857.62	\$554,289.11

*Mayor Jones explained some of the expenses in the following fund accounts:

General Fund: The city received money for completed sidewalks. The city also paid out for Phase 3 of the new sidewalks.

4. Add an item to meeting agenda-Dedman’s Sanitation Letter/Increase sanitation fees:

Mayor Jones asked the council to add an item to the meeting agenda regarding a letter he received from Dedman’s Sanitation.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Add an item to the meeting agenda-Letter from Dedman’s Sanitation/increase sanitation fees

Discussion: None

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

5. Dedman’s Sanitation letter:

Mayor Jones stated that he received a letter from Dedman’s Sanitation Service, a day before the meeting, indicating that beginning May 1, 2026, they will be adding \$2 per household per month for sanitation services. Jones informed the council that he had recently met with another sanitation

service and had also spoken with a local mayor regarding their self-sanitation services. Jones discussed some of the possibilities and risks involved with the city doing their own sanitation services. Jones asked the council members to consider options. Jones concluded that he will be evaluating the existing contract with Dedman's and looking at the possibility of the city doing its own sanitation services.

Mayor's Notes:

- The May regular monthly meeting is changed to Thursday, May 14 @ 7:00 PM due to the Brookland High School Graduation ceremony.

Mayor Jones asked the council if they had anything to add. No response.

Council member Wilson Shipman stepped out of the meeting at this time.

Mayor Jones asked if there was anything from the floor. Superintendent George Kennedy announced that the city will have access to a storm shelter at the new Intermediate School when it opens. Jones expressed his gratitude on behalf of the citizens for the offer.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:38 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer