



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: July 20, 2026

Type of Meeting: Special Meeting

Called to order at: 6:30 PM by Mayor Kenneth Jones

Council Member Attendance:

Present: Pamela McGee, Candice Bishop, Lachelle Sipes, Wilson Shipman, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Clerk/Treasurer Julie Thomas

Absent: David Gambill, Jason Cooper

Agenda:

1. Death and final memorial arrangements for K-9 Officer BOLO:

Mayor Jones notified the council that on Saturday, July 18, Brookland Police Department lost K-9 Officer BOLO. Jones invited Brookland Police Chief Jon Moore to speak to the council about the death and subsequent necropsy report from Dr. Apperson, a pathologist with the Arkansas Veterinary Diagnostic Lab. Moore explained that, according to the report, the cause of death was determined to be from a condition commonly referred to as 'bloat,' where the canine's stomach spontaneously twists around completely and cuts off blood supply.

Mayor Jones asked the council for their input on ways to honor BOLO and recognize his service for the City of Brookland. Jones added that Hathcoat Funeral Services offered to donate an urn for his ashes. Jones asked the council about installing a plaque at the newly opened police department building. Council members agreed this would be a great way to honor the fallen K-9 Officer. A question was raised about BOLO's ashes regarding where they would go. Mayor Jones stated that BOLO's partner/handler, Officer Cody Ladner, had requested to keep the K-9's ashes, if possible. No one objected to that request. Jones also mentioned that the City of Brookland could share the ashes with Officer Ladner, if the council preferred that instead. No formal discussion took place on the ashes.

Additionally, discussion took place about a memorial service, which could take place at Woods Chapel Baptist Church, a place where BOLO and his trainer often visited for training purposes. After some discussion, it was determined that a memorial service would be held at Wood's Chapel, with the possibility of having an early service for other police and K-9 officers to attend separately, and a later service open to the public.

Specific time and date for the arrangements are TBD as of the time of this meeting. Determining factors include when BOLO's remains can be prepared and obtained. Mayor Jones said the city would post a specific date and time after that takes place.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: Pamela McGee

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 6:48 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer