



City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: October 13, 2026

Type of Meeting: Regular

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

Council Member Attendance:

Present: David Gambill, Pamela McGee, Candice Bishop, Jason Cooper, Lachelle Sipes, Wilson Shipman, Attorney Kevin Orr, Mayor Kenneth Jones, Clerk/Treasurer Julie Thomas

Absent:

Previous meeting minutes:

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated September 8, 2026, as written

Discussion: None

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

New Business:

1. Kolby Lamberson – wants to address city council to discuss Flock cameras:

Kolby Lamberson came before the council to discuss the use of Flock cameras in the City of Brookland. Lamberson expressed his opposition to the use of the cameras, citing invasion of privacy as his major concern. Lamberson encouraged the council to reconsider using the cameras and follow the actions of cities and towns across the country who have discontinued using them.

2. Resolution 2026-13 – Setting Personal and Real Property Millage:

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2026-13 setting Personal and Real Property Millage.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Adopt Resolution 2026-13 as read

Discussion: None

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

3. Discuss 409 S. Holman – Old PD Building:

Mayor Jones asked the council to table this item until next month's regular meeting.

4. Review/Discuss Brookland Utility Funds 2025 Audit Report:

Mayor Jones informed the council of the 2024-2025 Utility Funds Audit Report on their desks. Jones said the audit showed no findings.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 2024-2025 Utility Funds Audit
Discussion: None
For: 6 **Against:** 0 **Motion:** Passed 6-0

5. Review/Discuss Brookland General and Street Funds 2025 Audit Report:

Mayor Jones informed the council of the 2025 General and Street Funds Audit Report on their desks. Jones said the audit showed no findings.

Motion by: Jason Cooper

Second by: David Gambill

To: Accept the 2025 General and Street Funds Audit Report

Discussion: None

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

6. Ordinance – to increase meter deposits to \$150 and \$200 for customers who left owing a past due balance of 60 days or more; this is due to customers moving away owing a balance larger than our current meter deposit:

Mayor Jones notified the council about an ongoing problem the city has faced regarding residents who move away. Jones explained that oftentimes, when residents move away, they leave a mess behind, which requires extra pickup or cleanup services. Jones added that some will call Dedman’s Sanitation and ask for a pickup of leftover trash or other large items, however, that adds an extra cost to the final water bill for those residents. Jones said that, often, the deposit is not enough to cover the cost of the final water bill plus pickup service from Dedman’s. This results in a financial loss for the city.

Jones said that the city has discussed raising the water meter deposits in order to cover the cost of the final water bill plus Dedman’s pickup services, if they are needed. However, Jones informed the council that he sought the advice of the Municipal League to see if the city could add a cleanup deposit for rental properties. He said the League advised him that it could be done. Jones concluded that the city’s attorney, Kevin Orr, will create an ordinance to reflect this added deposit and it will be presented at next month’s regular meeting. Council members expressed agreement with this addition.

Old Business:

1. Speed table on Missouri Street:

Mayor Jones said that the city is doing some work on Missouri Street to redirect water drainage on the west side. Jones added that while this work has been going on, he went ahead and asked Barker Brothers Asphalt to provide a quote for asphalt curbs for Missouri Street. Jones said that those are much cheaper than what the county uses to control speed and the city plans to try them out on Missouri Street first, see how it goes, and then consider adding them other places if needed.

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

September 2026:	General Fund:	Street Fund:	Utility Fund:
Beginning Balance:	\$153,052.42	\$153,228.30	\$609,251.94
Ending Balance:	\$187,409.16	\$158,991.60	\$634,105.30

Mayor’s Notes:

- 2027 Bond Report – Public Meeting Thursday, October 22, 2026, at the Brookland High School Auditorium: Mayor Jones informed the council and the citizens in attendance about the public meeting to be held on Thursday, October 22, 2026 @ BHS Auditorium at 7PM. The purpose of the meeting is to answer questions about and discuss the 2027 Bond in the upcoming November General Election.
- Vector Disease Control monthly report: No report for this month.
- ARDOT update – lowered speed limit on HWY 49N from 50 mph to 45 mph: Mayor Jones said the speed reduction seems to be helping some with vehicles speeding through the HWY 49N/School Street intersection. Jones added that the Brookland School District recently adopted the resolution for a split-phase traffic light at that intersection. Attorney Kevin Orr said the next step is to send the resolution to ARDOT.

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

Mayor Jones asked if there was anything from the floor. No response.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by: Wilson Shipman

Second by: Candice Bishop

To: Adjourn the meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at: 7:24 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer