

City of Brookland, Arkansas

City Council Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 28, 2024

Type of Meeting: Special

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	A
Candice Bishop	P	Wilson Shipman	P	Clerk/Treas. Julie Thomas	P

Agenda Items:

1. Update on Asphalt Zipper machine:

Jeff Vernon, City of Brookland street department supervisor, was present to update the council on the asphalt zipper machine which arrived on May 18. Vernon explained that there is a training set up for operating the machine on June 12-13 and he invited everyone to attend. Vernon advised the council of what is needed in conjunction with the machine for road construction/repair, its function, as well as payment arrangements for the zipper. Vernon expressed that the machine will be an asset to the city once it is in full use.

2. Dump Truck rental vs. purchase:

Jeff Vernon, City of Brookland street department, spoke to the council about the status of the dump truck the city owns. Vernon stated that the street department has been sharing the dump truck with the utility department and it needs major repairs. Vernon gave a quote from a local repair shop of approximately \$15,000 to fix different things in need of repair. Vernon also discussed the need to possibly rent or purchase another dump truck for the street department to have one for their own use. He presented the council with a quote for a rental from a local dealer. The cost for rental is roughly \$4,700 per month, including insurance. In addition, Vernon added that there is a waiting time for a rental due to supply and demand of the trucks, making it difficult for the city to use this option.

Vernon then spoke to the council about the possibility of purchasing a dump truck and presented information on what he found. He said he found a few possibilities by looking online; however, those would have to be purchased without test driving them or an in-person inspection. Vernon stated he also researched England Truck Sales in Searcy, Arkansas, and found a very good, low-mileage dump truck for purchase at \$105,000. It is a 2023 Freightliner Class M2, Model 106 dump truck. Both Vernon and Mayor Kenneth Jones expressed they were impressed with the various features of the dump truck, especially for its price point. Jones discussed with the council the impact on the annual budget of purchasing the dump truck outright versus making monthly payments on a five-year basis. Jones also presented the council with a quote from First Community Bank for a loan of \$105,000, at 5.85% annual interest, with a monthly payment of \$2,025.00.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: David Gambill

To: Approve the purchase of the 2023 Freightliner Class M2, Model 106 dump truck from England Truck Sales

Discussion: None

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	David Loggins	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve purchasing the 2023 Freightliner Class M2, Model 106 dump truck with a loan by First Community Bank for \$105,000 at 5.85% interest, with a monthly payment of \$2,025.00

Discussion: None

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

3. Resolution 2024-09:

Mayor Jones explained that with the purchase of the Freightliner dump truck, the council needs to amend the 2024 Budget to reflect the change and additional monthly payments.

Motion by: David Loggins

Second by: Jason Cooper

To: Approve Resolution 2024-09, as read, amending the 2024 Budget

Discussion: None

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

4. Employee Comp Time:

Mayor Jones presented the council with a breakdown of several employees who have accumulated a significant amount of compensation time. Jones explained that he would like to pay these employees for their comp time instead of letting it continue to accrue. The time they have accrued covers the pay period through May 23, 2024.

Motion by: David Gambill

Second by: Wilson Shipman

To: Approve paying off accrued comp time for employees as presented to the council

Discussion: None

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:					
David Gambill	Yes	Candice Bishop	Yes	David Loggins	Yes
Pamela McGee	Yes	Jason Cooper	Yes	Wilson Shipman	Yes

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: 7:34 PM

Kenneth Jones, Mayor

Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer