



# City of Brookland, Arkansas City Council Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting: October 8, 2024**

**Type of Meeting: Regular**

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

<b>COUNCILMEMBER ATTENDANCE: (P = Present A = Absent)</b>					
David Gambill	<b>P</b>	Jason Cooper	<b>P</b>	Mayor Kenneth Jones	<b>P</b>
Pamela McGee	<b>P</b>	David Loggins	<b>P</b>	Attorney Kevin Orr	<b>P</b>
Candice Bishop	<b>P</b>	Wilson Shipman	<b>P</b>	Clerk/Treas. Julie Thomas	<b>P</b>

### **Previous meeting minutes:**

**Motion by: David Loggins**

**Second by: Jason Cooper**

**To:** Approve the Brookland City Council meeting minutes dated September 10, 2024, as presented

**Discussion:** None

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

### **New Business:**

**1. MARCK Recycling - taking over residential trash pickup after council review of contract:**

Steven Pauli and Deena Johnson, with MARCK Recycling and Waste came before the council to field questions about the contract for services they submitted to the city for review. Council member Wilson Shipman asked about the cost per household for trash pickup. The MARCK contract includes a price per household of \$17.95 per month. Council member Pamela McGee asked Mayor Jones if there could be additional fees that would need to be added by the City of Brookland for bill collection. Mayor Jones stated that the city currently receives 5% from Dedman’s Sanitation Services for distributing and handling carts and for bill collection. Jones added that something between a \$1 - \$3 surcharge would need to be added to the MARCK fees for bill collection services. The current price per household for Dedman’s Sanitation Services is \$14 for senior citizens and \$16 for all others. Jones asked Pauli about a discounted rate of \$2 per household for senior citizens. Pauli confirmed that was correct. Shipman stated that he would like to remain with Dedman’s Sanitation. Jones included that the main concern with Dedman’s was their handling of leach agent, which has been addressed. The council concluded that they would like to keep in contact with MARCK for future possibilities, however, at this time, the City of Brookland will remain with Dedman’s Sanitation.

**2. Ordinance 2024-16 – Make a non-material change to the wording of the ordinance:**

**Motion by: David Loggins**

**Second by: Jason Cooper**

**To:** Suspend the rules and make a non-material change to the wording of Ordinance 2024-16

**Discussion:** None

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading by titles only of Ordinance 2024-16:**

**Motion by: David Loggins**

**Second by: Jason Cooper**

**To:** Suspend the rules and go to the second reading of Ordinance 2024-16 by titles only

**Discussion:** None

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

\*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-16 by titles only for the second reading.

**3. Ordinance 2024-18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to approve/disapprove La Cascada Restaurant’s Liquor license to go before the ABC Board:**

**Motion by: David Loggins**

**Second by: Jason Cooper**

**To:** Suspend the rules and read Ordinance 2024-18 for the second reading by titles only

**Discussion:** None

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

\*Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-18 by titles only for the second reading.

**4. Ordinance 2024-21 – Setting water rates starting 1/1/2025:**

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-21 entirely for first reading.

**5. Ordinance 2024-22 - Setting wastewater rates starting 1/1/2025:**

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Ordinance 2024-22 entirely for first reading.

**6. Resolution 2024-23 Setting 2025 personal property & real estate millage:**

Attorney Kevin Orr read aloud Resolution 2024-23.

**Motion by: David Loggins**

**Second by: Jason Cooper**

**To:** Accept Resolution 2024-23 as read

**Discussion:** None

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

**Old Business:**

**7. Parks Committee Update:**

David Loggins was present to give the council an update on the city parks. Loggins stated that progress is being made on both of the small parks with the hope of completion by the end of the month. Mayor Jones added to the discussion that it could be longer before completion due to some unexpected delays. Jones also updated the council about the sportsplex. Jones stated that bids will be advertised beginning Sunday, October 13, with an estimated time for opening in mid-November.

**8. Monthly financials for General, Street, and Utility Funds:**

<b>September 2024</b>	<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>Street Fund:</b>	<b>Utility Fund:</b>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>	\$988,029.20	\$472,144.12	\$488,510.58
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	\$1,022,505.22	\$434,762.06	\$528,392.89

**Mayor's Notes:**

Mayor Jones discussed the status of a potential road addition on the north side of Brookland Middle School. Jones said he has had conversations with the property owner and the Arkansas Municipal League regarding the appraised value of the land and what the city is able to offer for purchase. Jones added that he will continue to work on this project and update the council with any developments.

**\*Addition to the Agenda: Discussion about hiring Bill Campbell**

**Motion by: David Loggins**

**Second by: Jason Cooper**

**To:** Add to the agenda the discussion about hiring Bill Campbell for grant writing services

**Discussion:** None

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

Discussion on this issue included Campbell's previous employment with the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas, his experience as a grant writer, his proposed contract and salary requirements, as well as his ability to help the City of Brookland to secure grant monies. After discussion, the council decided to table this until a later meeting and the opportunity to gather more information to make an informed decision.

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: 8:13 PM**

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Kenneth Jones, Mayor

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Julie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer