

BROOKFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 22, 2025
5:30 PM, CITY HALL

I. Call to Order

The members of the Brookfield City Council met July 22, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Paul Frey at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Council members present: Mayor Paul Frey, Richard Techau, Sarah Wessing, Jordan Clements, and Lonnie Trentham. Also present: Dana Tarpenting, City Manager, Tanya Sportsman, City Clerk and Police Chief, Joel Dixon, and City Attorney, Robert Cowherd.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion made by Trentham seconded by Techau to approve June 23, 2025 minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Monthly Financial Report

A motion made by Trentham seconded by Techau to approve June financials. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Boards & Commissions

Mayor Frey appointed James Hart to the Library Board. His term will expire June 2028.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

A. Consideration of a Resolution in reference to Financial Disclosures.

A Resolution by Municipality with an operating budget in excess of One Million Dollars to adopt simplified personal financial disclosure requirements biennially.

A motion to pass Bill #25.07, to be known as Resolution. #25.02, was made by Trentham, seconded by Techau, and carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of an Ordinance in reference to Residency Requirements.

An Ordinance amending Section 26-48 of the City Code relating to residency requirements. All municipal employees shall reside within 50 miles of the corporate limits of the City, except the following employees must reside within 5 miles of the corporate limits of the City: city manager, city clerk, city collector, city treasurer, department heads, and chief of police.

A motion was made by Trentham, seconded by Techau to read Bill #25.08 for the first time by title only, motion carried 5-0. Bill was read.

A motion was made by Trentham, seconded by Techau to read Bill #25.08 for the second time by title only, motion carried 5-0. Bill was read.

A motion to pass Bill #25.08, to be known as Ord. #25.06, was made by Trentham, seconded by Techau, and carried 4-1. Vote as follows:

Ayes: Trentham, Techau, Clements, Frey
Nays: Wessing

C. Consideration of Final Plat of Brookfield South Business Complex.

A Final Plat of Brookfield South Business Complex to be approved by council for planning, zoning, and infrastructure requirements.

A motion was made by Techau, seconded by Trentham for City of Brookfield to approve the Final Plat of Brookfield South Business Complex as owner. All in favor.

D. Consideration of an Ordinance in reference to Water Improvement EPA Grant.

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between Allstate Consultants and the City of Brookfield for Water Main replacement and Water Treatment Plant improvements.

A motion was made by Techau, seconded by Trentham to read Bill #25.09 for the first time by title only, motion carried 5-0. Bill was read.

A motion was made by Trentham, seconded by Wessing to read Bill #25.09 for the second time by title only, motion carried 5-0. Bill was read.

A motion to pass Bill #25.09, to be known as Ordinance. #25.07, was made by Trentham, seconded by Techau, and carried 5-0.

IX. Comments from Citizens

Candace Hines addressed the Council regarding the Parks & Recreation ball program. She expressed concerns about the lack of involvement from Parks & Recreation Director Beth McCollum, stating that she and several other parents and volunteers had to take on the responsibility of running the program themselves. Ms. Hines noted that, as a volunteer, she ended up organizing and managing many aspects of the program due to limited input and support from the Parks & Recreation Director.

Donald Hedrick spoke to the Council regarding concerns about junk and neglected lots and homes within the city. He urged the Council to consider adopting an ordinance to address the issue. Mr. Hedrick stated his intention to bring public attention to the matter through news outlets and mentioned that he plans to gather a petition requesting an audit of the City of Brookfield.

Lindsay and Tim Howerton spoke to the Council about their ongoing efforts to rehabilitate properties in Brookfield, noting that they have already renovated multiple houses. They expressed interest in learning more about potential support from the City, such as opportunity zones, tax credits, or other forms of assistance, to continue revitalization work in the community.

A. Miscellaneous matters from the City Manager

A Brookfield resident contacted the City Manager to express appreciation for City employees' work in addressing and maintaining the ditch behind State Street.

B. Miscellaneous matters from the City Council

Council Member Clements inquired about the condition of the building located at the corner of Main Street and East Brooks, owned by Cecilia Martinez. He asked whether an existing ordinance could be applied or if the City could consider creating an ordinance to address the issue and take appropriate action.

Council Member Wessing inquired about the basketball goals at Joyce Park and requested an update on the City's plans for them. She also reported a missing sewer cover near a property on Hyatt Street and noted that the roadway in the 100th block of Maple Road is failing. She asked if repairs could be made as soon as possible.

C. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1)(2)(3) relating to litigation, real estate and personnel was made by Techau and seconded by Trentham. Motion carried 5-0.

Frey yes

Clements yes

Wessing yes
Trentham yes
Techau yes

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wessing and seconded by Techau. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Copies of all proposed ordinances and resolutions are available for public inspection prior to the council meeting at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building.


City Clerk


Mayor