

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held August 13, 2018.

PRESENT:

Ronnie C. Joyner, Mayor
Amy Haynes, City Clerk
Scotty Singleton, Chief
T.J. Hughes, Public Works Director
Rachel Brown, Attorney

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Patsy Lusk
Bruce Fackler
Bryan Claycomb
Maggie Love
Scotty Applegate
Chris Hulsey

VISITORS: Maddie Benham, Bill Corum, Ruth Crawford, Bric Pace

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and with a prayer led by Bruce Fackler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the minutes of the July 09, 2018 regular meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

YARD OF THE MONTH:

Yard of the Month for August 2018 was announced as belonging to Mike and Jo Dunn of 322 Homeview. The honorees were unable to attend the meeting.

VISITOR:

Ruth Crawford addressed the Council and read a letter of gratitude to the Brandenburg Police Department and Sgt. Ray Whited regarding a call to her home on July 04, 2018. She completed her address by saying that the salaries of City Police officers should be reviewed when considering how best to appropriate City funds.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

TRANSFERS: The City Clerk reported there was a balance of \$252,044.33 as June 11, 2018 in the Waterworks & Sewer Revenue Fund and would be making the following transfers to other funds;

- \$ 75,000.00 to the Waterworks & Sewer Operation & Maintenance Fund
- 5,000.00 to Waterworks & Sewer Bond & Interest Sinking Fund
- 5,000.00 to Sewer Line Extension Account
- 10,000.00 to Depreciation Fund

A motion was made by Scotty Applegate, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to make the transfers as listed. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

OLD SEWER PANT RENOVATION UPDATE:

Discussion of the monetary estimate for repairs: \$15,000.00 would go to Richardson Bulldozing for the trackhoe, hi-lift, and moving of dirt, as well as taking all extra concrete out. The possibility of taking the excess material and using it to begin filling the abandoned well was discussed. Patsy Lusk suggested that in the future we look to adding a balcony to the front of the old building. Bill Corum then presented the breakdown of why we are looking to make the improvements. He stated that in a review of our City/County, the comments regarding the Main Street area were not favorable, although our Park received high scores. He feels that with a little bit of upkeep and continued improvement by both the City and businesses along Main Street, we can raise the scores. He feels that improving this structure will be a start towards those improvements.

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler to begin the renovations in the first phase of improvements with a max budget of \$30,000.00, the motion was seconded by Bryan Claycomb, vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

OFFICE DEPARTMENT: Amy Haynes submitted a monthly office department activity report for July 2018. An update was given on the status of the audit, which is currently being conducted by Drane and Company of Hardinsburg. Amy reported that the site work was scheduled to begin the week of August 13 and continue through the following week.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Scotty Singleton presented the Citizens on Patrol and Police monthly activity report. He stated that the Meade County Fair had gone well, with only 2 arrests. Bruce Fackler mentioned the upturn in thefts on the monthly report and Chief Singleton said that the majority were credit card numbers being stolen / hacked. Fireworks were also discussed as to when they may become a nuisance to neighbors and the response from the Police Department. It was suggested that we review other surrounding cities ordinances regarding fireworks.

WATER/SEWER: Public Works Director, T.J. Hughes stated that the water loss was 16 percent for the month of July 2018. T.J. reported there were 2 leaks fixed by his department in July as well as 1 new water meter set. He stated they have been repairing several potholes, and the handrails have been painted in the park. He updated that Well #1 was struck by lightning on Tuesday of the previous week and an insurance claim had been started.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

Stith Family Farms

Applicant: Phillip Stith

Address: Various Locations in City Limits

Type of Business: Meat Sales

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Maggie Love, to approve the business license for Stith Family Farms. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

Councilperson Bruce Fackler brought to the Council's attention the location of a business in the city limits which had just moved in and had not applied for a business license. City Clerk Amy Haynes ensured the council that the owners would be contacted prior to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Temporary signage in the City limits was discussed briefly among the Council with a note to try to stay on top of the amount of time these signs remain on each site. An example was given regarding a sign promoting an "Inside Yard Sale" which has been in front of a building on Broadway for several months.

The Council was reminded by City Clerk Amy Haynes that the deadline to run for re-election would be the following day, August 14th at 4:00pm.

It was decided by City Council that due to the inability of the Mayor and Councilperson Maggie Love to attend next month's regularly scheduled meeting on September 10th, the meeting would be re-scheduled to September 4th at 7:00pm as a special meeting. Notices will be sent to all media outlets.

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Scotty Applegate, to adjourn the meeting of the Brandenburg City Council. Vote of motion was unanimous by council.

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk