

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held September 14, 2020.

**PRESENT:**

Ronnie C. Joyner, Mayor  
Amy Haynes, City Clerk  
Brian Haag, Police Chief  
T.J. Hughes, Public Works Dir.  
~~Rachel Brown, City Atty~~

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Charlotte Ford  
Bruce Fackler  
Bryan Claycomb  
Maggie Love  
Bill Basham  
Bradley Johnston

**VISITORS:** Gene Webster WVIH, Michael Kelly, David Pace, Randee Norris, Mitch Crump, Brian Skinner, Tom & Christine Campbell, Nancye Lynn and family

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:**

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

**YARD OF THE MONTH:**

September 2020 Yard of the Month recipient is Peggy Higbee, who was unable to attend the meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2020-2**

Mayor Joyner welcomed the family of Judge Executive Gerry Lynn to the Council meeting, and read aloud Resolution 2020-2 in memory and honor of Judge Executive Gerry Lynn.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the minutes of the Aug 10, 2020 regular Council meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

### **INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

Reappointment of David Pace to the Industrial Authority. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Charlotte Ford to reappoint David Pace to the Industrial Authority. Vote of motion was unanimous. Mr. Pace then gave a brief update on the progress at the NUCOR construction site. He stated that several tons of dirt have been and will continue to be moved, and that there are 2 concrete plants now located on site for construction. He then provided insight that the Industrial Authority was currently in negotiations with at least 5 companies, but they are looking for more land to accommodate them.

### **RESOLUTION 2020-3**

Representative Bryan Skinner from RSA gave a brief insight as to why the resolution is needed. He stated that his company will sell the bonds for the new sewer treatment plant through the Ky Bond Corporation, and that currently the interest rates were at a premium low level for financing. He stated that once the process is started, it would take about 5 weeks from then to completion. Mayor Joyner reiterated that the funding would most likely not be needed until the first part of 2021. The resolution was read aloud by Council member Bryan Claycomb. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler to adopt as read, with a second by Bill Basham. Vote of motion was unanimous.

### **RESOLUTION 2020-3**

Mayor Joyner read aloud Resolution 2020-3 which allows for the City to apply for CARES act funding for the salaries of our police department due to Covid-19. A motion was made by Maggie Love, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to accept the resolution as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

### **PLAYGROUND PRESENTATION:**

Randee Norris, with Recreation Insites, presented to the Council an estimate on replacing the existing playground in Riverfront Park. The playground is out of compliance and in need of much repair. She showed a video of some of the options for the playground, and addressed questions from the Council on the maintenance needed for a new structure, as well as warranty. She also addressed the feasibility of a rubber playground surface as opposed to playground mulch. It was decided that due to the likelihood of flooding in the park, that playground mulch was a better option for our location.

### **First Reading of ORD 565 – 2020 Real & Personal Property Tax Rate**

The ordinance was read aloud by Mayor Joyner.

### **First Reading of ORD 566 – 2021 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Tax Rate**

The ordinance was read aloud by Mayor Joyner.

A meeting for the Second reading of the ordinances was scheduled for Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon at Brandenburg City Hall.

### **CHRISTMAS BY THE RIVER:**

It was decided that due to Covid-19, the City will forego the festival this year on opening day, and have a simple light up ceremony with fireworks. The Council was in agreeance that with everything being unpredictable, the festival would not be able to be relocated to an inside facility if the weather were not cooperative.

**WWTP UPDATE:** Mayor Joyner reported to the Council that the City is still waiting on a contract to be available for signing hopefully within the next 2-3 weeks.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**OFFICE:**

City Clerk Amy Haynes submitted the transfers for September, as well as the monthly activity report for the office for August 2020.

**POLICE / COP:**

Chief Brian Haag presented the monthly reports for both the police department, as well as the Citizens on Patrol program.

**WA / SW:**

Public works Director T.J. Hughes presented the monthly report for the water / sewer departments. He also gave an update on the Old State Road water tower which is currently being rehabilitated, as well as an emergency purchase of a variable speed drive which needed to be installed at the Water Plant immediately.

When asked about the status of the Lawrence Street waterline project, Mr. Hughes stated that it had been sent to the State for approval.

**River Forge Brewery**

Applicant: James & Christine Campbell

Type of Business: Brewery

Address: 1210 High Street

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for River Forge Brewery. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

**Vintage Salon**

Applicant: Penelope & Daniel Fountain

Type of Business: Salon

Address: 240 Main Street

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for Vintage Salon. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

**Chick-fil-A at Louisville Catering & Delivery**

Applicant: Bruce Smith

Type of Business: Mobile Food Truck

Address: in City limits

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the business license for Chick-fil-A at Louisville Catering & Delivery. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

**United Rental (North America), Inc.**

Applicant: Jeffery Wright

Type of Business: Rentals & Sales of construction equipment and supplies

Address: 1333 Armory Place

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for United Rental. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Trick or treating hours in the City of Brandenburg. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Maggie Love, to set the hours from 5:30 – 8:00pm on Halloween. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

**PAYROLL RAISES:**

After some discussion, a motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve a \$1.00 raise for all of the City employees. Vote of motion was unanimous. It was noted by Councilman Bradley Johnston, that the budget would need to be amended for both the payroll increase, as well as the water plant expense at the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of the Brandenburg City Council. Vote of motion was unanimous.

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Amy Haynes, City Clerk

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Ronnie Joyner, Mayor