

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held October 12, 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, Rena Singleton, Lee Klockow, Robin Brown, Charlotte Shepherd

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:

October 2020 Yard of the Month recipient is Barbara Harned, at 115 Ridgeway Drive, who was unable to attend the meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

Mayor Joyner started the meeting by addressing Rena Singleton, who was in attendance seeking a business license for an RV park in the city limits. Rena gave a brief description of the need for RV sites, as well as her plans for the park on her property. She stated that she was looking at approximately 20 spots for the construction crews to utilize while they are in town to assist in the construction of Nucor. She stated that she has 7 acres which stretch from Broadway to Old Ekron Road. Her plans are for the park to remain a temporary RV park due to the need presented. She is waiting on the environmental office for final approval in order to have her drawings / plans ready to submit. Ms. Singleton was asking that the Council approve her business license based on the state's approval to operate. Planning & Zoning Administrator Lee Klockow stated that our ordinances do not specifically address RV Parks, just mobile homes, and recommends a conditional use permit be used in order to ensure that the RV park remain temporary for the next 2-3 years as needed. Rena stated that her zoning of C1 was inclusive of the zoning requested by Mr. Perry Richardson for his RV park in R3. According to the City ordinance, all permitted uses in R1, R2, R3, and C1 are covered under the definition of a C1 zone. City attorney Rachel Brown was in agreement that a conditional use permit should be looked at before the business license was approved by the City. Council member Bill Basham pointed out that the City should be doing all we could to make accommodations for local business owners and entrepreneurs to provide for Nucor. Council member Bryan Claycomb agreed with Basham that the City should be willing to accommodate and allow some flexibility in order to be a good community partner. Ms. Singleton ultimately agreed to apply for the conditional use permit if that is the only option the City would allow. Mayor Joyner stated that he would not recommend that the business license be approved. Upon a motion made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, the business license was preliminary approved on the condition that Ms. Singleton obtain a conditional use permit. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

Secondly, representatives of the Meade County Clothes Closet & Food Pantry were in attendance to re-submit their application for a business license, and permission to re-open their locations, which were shut down due to numerous fire code violations. On the meeting date, Fire Marshall Larry Naser, and Police Chief Brian Haag, had again visited the locations and determined that most of the more severe violations had been taken care of, and recommended approval by the Council. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for the Clothes Closet. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the Council meeting minutes from meetings held on 09/14/20, 09/16/20, and 09/23/20. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

SECOND READING OF PLANNING & ZONING ORDINANCE #568:

The ordinance summary was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #568. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #574, an Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A second reading will be read at the November regular monthly council meeting.

PLAYGROUND UPDATE:

Mayor Joyner reviewed the final submission of the new playground equipment pricing for Riverfront Park. The Council noted that installation should not be planned until approximately March 2021. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to accept the bid. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT / MONTHLY TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to accept the monthly transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

WASTERWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE:

Mayor Joyner stated that all the documents and contracts have been signed for the WWTP construction, and that there would be a kick-off meeting on October 29, 2020 with all parties involved.

Mayor Joyner then asked the Council for approval on a line of credit from Meade County Bank at an interest rate of 1.75%, until the bonds are sold in approximately January for the permanent financing of the construction. Council member Maggie Love asked if other local banking institutions had been addressed about providing the line of credit, giving them the opportunity to compete. Mayor Joyner stated that only Wesbanco had originally responded to the request for proposals, and had come in at approximately 3%. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the application for a line of credit with Meade County Bank. Motion was voted in favor of by Council members Claycomb, Basham, Fackler, Ford, and Johnston, Council member Maggie Love voted nay. Mayor Joyner then addressed that a separate checking account would need to be opened in order to accommodate the WWTP construction payments and withdrawals. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler for City Clerk Amy Haynes and Mayor Joyner, to open the account at Meade County Bank. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The monthly office report was submitted by Amy Haynes, City Clerk.
The monthly police department and Citizens on Patrol, was presented by Chief Haag.
The monthly Wa/Sw report was presented by T.J. Hughes, Public Works Director.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Padrino's

Applicant: Francisco Bravo
Type of Business: Bubble Teas
Address: 455 C Bypass Road

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the business license for Padrino's. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

One Source Equipment Rentals

Applicant: Steve Mick
Type of Business: Construction Equip Sales and Rentals
Address: 140 Moremen Road

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for One Source Equipment Rentals. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Joyner brought to the attention of the Council that a local business owner had paid a sewer tap for their proposed business, but had yet to connect, and had since placed port-a-cans on the property. He asked for the Council's support in making sure that they followed ordinance and did in fact hook to the sewer system. T.J. Hughes stated that he was informed that they did have plans to have a bathroom trailer facility which would be connected to the City's system.

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

Amy Haynes, City Clerk

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor