

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held January 11, 2021.

PRESENT:

Ronnie C. Joyner, Mayor
Amy Haynes, City Clerk
Brian Haag, Police Chief
T.J. Hughes, Public Works Dir.
Rachel Brown, City Atty
Shannon Stull, Office
Tim Hendley, Sergeant

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Mr. Jensen, Gene Webster-WVIH, Maggie Love, Ella Haynes, Ryan Lane, Kenny Rambo and Heather Whelan – Heartland Communications, Rachelle Frazier

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

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

PRESENTATION:

A presentation of a commemorative clock was presented to Maggie Love, who ended her 21 year term with the City Council in December 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from December 14, 2020. Vote of motion was unanimous.

WEBSITE PRESENTATION & UPDATE:

Kenny Rambo and Heather Whelan with Heartland Communications presented the updates on the new City website, which will hopefully go live by the end of the current week, or early next week. Mr. Rambo walked through the highlights of the website page by page. He stated that we should also be able link to our Council meetings live through the website. He and Ms. Whelan then went through the examples for booking the campsites in the RV Park, as well as the Pavilions and Gazebo in the park. The Mayor requested that we eventually place a Community Events/Festival tab on the page in order to promote Christmas by the River and other events. Councilmember Johnston asked if there would be the capability to look up water bill amounts on the page, but Mr. Rambo clarified that we use a separate software system for that, which is not available to the public. Mr. Rambo then concluded that training sessions would be scheduled for the staff to be able to add or make changes to the page, as well as general maintenance in the very near future.

TREASURER'S REPORT / MONTHLY TRANSFERS:

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

SIGN ORDINANCE #574:

The second reading of a summary of sign ordinance #574 was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Michael Kelly, seconded by Bill Basham, to accept the sign ordinance summary as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

WWTP UPDATE:

Mayor Joyner updated that the State of Ky P3 board was scheduled to meet in Frankfort on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. He then stated that the Council would hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:15pm for the Council to approve the final agreement if the P3 passed State level. Councilmember Claycomb stated that because the Bonds would not be paid out until later in the month of January, the line of credit with Meade County Bank would need to be extended an additional \$200,000.00 dollars in order to make the January payment. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Charlotte Ford to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to extend the line of credit. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The monthly office report was presented by Amy Haynes, City Clerk. She also reported that the donations were up this year for Christmas by the River over \$3000 from last year's total. Regarding delinquent water bills, Haynes advised that several agreements had been signed with Community Action for payment of bills, but that to date very few had been received in the office.

The monthly police department and COP report was presented by Chief Haag. He also stated that he was the only officer in the department to receive the Covid-19 vaccine due to no interest among the other members.

The monthly wa/sw report was presented by Public Works Director T.J. Hughes.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Green Leaf Emporium, LLC
Address: 228 Main Street, Suite 1A
Type of Business: Retail Store
Applicant: Ryan Lane

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the business license for Green Leaf Emporium, LLC. Vote of motion passed with Councilmember Kelly abstaining from the vote due to personal interest in the business.

Taylor Materials
Address: 103 Ridgeway Drive
Type of Business: Online Material Sales
Applicant: James Taylor

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Michael Kelly, to approve the business license for Taylor Materials. Vote of motion was unanimous

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Joyner presented a project list compiled by himself, the Chief, the Public Works Director, and the City Clerk of possible projects for an overage in funding in General Fund. Several Councilmembers agreed that the taser purchase and the vehicles for both the Police and Wa/Sw departments should be done soon.

It was suggested by Councilmember Johnston that Mayor Joyner consider putting together a Parks Committee to determine all the needs for Riverfront Park. The Mayor stated he would look into this idea.

Councilmember Kelly then began a discussion of public parking on Main Street. His suggestion was for the City to possibly partner with the Brandenburg Moose Lodge to use their lot for daytime hour parking. Bradley Johnston suggested that he would rather see the City look into City owned property or other options, rather than partnering with a private business. Mayor Joyner again stated he would do the research to determine if the City currently had property, or what other possibilities may be available.

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Michael Kelly, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk