

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held March 08, 2021.

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
Michael Kelly
Bill Basham
Bradley Johnston

VISITORS: Mr. Jensen, Gene Webster-WVIH, Rodney Ford, David Pace, Tracy, Anthony, & Brandon Whitaker, Seth Dukes-MC Messenger

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

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

BUSINESS LICENSES:

To accommodate the business owners, the business license for Main Street Creamery, LLC, was moved up on the agenda.

Main Street Creamery

Address: 134 Main Street Suite A0
Type of Business: Ice Cream Shop
Applicant: Tracy & Anthony Whitaker

After a description of the new shop by Mrs. Whitaker, a motion was made by Michael Kelly, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for Main Street Creamery. Vote of motion was unanimous.

River Front Lounge

Address: 240 Main Street
Type of Business: Nutrition Club
Applicant: Leah Teuscher

On a motion made by Bradley Johnston, and seconded by Michael Kelly, the business license for River Front Lounge was un-tabled from the February meeting, with the vote of motion being unanimous. After much discussion, and proof provided to the city clerk by the business owner that the Health Department would not need to inspect or approve the property, a motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license. Vote of motion was unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING VACANCY:

Mr. Jim Jensen has agreed to fill a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission, which was left vacant due to the resignation of Bobby Skaggs. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the appointment of Mr. Jensen to the commission. Vote of motion was unanimous.

BUTTERMILK FALLS TRAIL / GERRY LYNN MEMORIAL PARK UPDATE:

David Pace with the Industrial Authority was on hand to update the council on the Buttermilk Falls Trail and Gerry Lynn Memorial Park progress. He stated that donations were still being taken, but so far 4 picnic tables and 6 benches as well as matching trash receptacles had been purchased and placed. Mr. Pace stated that a dedication ceremony was being planned for May 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm for the new addition. He stated the park is about midpoint by the waterfalls, between the 2 existing trails. This location was chosen due to it not flooding and therefore not affecting the tables, benches, etc...

Mr. Pace then updated on economic development by stating there is nothing new to announce, but that they do have some interest in local properties, as well as purchasing property for resale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from February 08, 2021. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT / MONTHLY TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to accept the monthly transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous by Council.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The monthly office report was presented by Amy Haynes, City Clerk. Mrs. Haynes then clarified to the Council that the new Ipads they were issued at the meeting would allow for less paper and packet delivery, as now the Council packets will be emailed to each Councilmember at their new City Council email address. It was noted that if any Council member had issues using the Ipad, they could contact City Hall for more direction.

The monthly police department report was presented by Chief Haag. He also stated that the department had been very busy lately, including investigating a recent domestic murder in the City. He stated that the investigation is still open and is being investigated with the assistance of the Ky State Police. He noted that Sgt. Hendley was still out, but is seeing a specialist this week to hopefully be released for return to work.

The monthly wa/sw report was presented by Public Works Director T.J. Hughes. He informed the Council that the new playground was scheduled to be delivered at the end of March. He also noted that the new truck had been put into service, and Mayor Joyner thanked the Council for their prompt response in deeming the truck an emergency purchase, when the previous vehicle went down during a snow/ice event. The wastewater treatment plant is moving right on with a change order being discussed and a price negotiaton in the works for the change. T.J. mentioned that he and the Mayor had met with Nucor to discuss all of their water and sewer needs. And T.J. discussed the out of commission well, which may be able to be upgraded to treat the manganese, as well as an upgrade to the Water Plant, but stated it was still in the discussion phase.

Councilmember Michael Kelly then asked a question as to whether or not a City lift truck was being used at the old Shopko building, and T.J. responded that there was not to his knowledge.

BID DISCUSSIONS:

The mowing bid(s) received for Riverfront Park. Only one bid was received at the original quote of \$425.00 week, but Mayor Joyner stated that he had spoken with a representative of the mowing company, and they had agreed to lower the cost to \$400.00 weekly. Bryan Claycomb stated that due to the overabundance of work for the maintenance crew, as well as our inability to utilize inmates as in previous years, he felt that the City needed to accept the bid. Councilman Basham was in agreeance. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bryan Claycomb to accept the bid of \$400.00. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The bid was also discussed for the replacement aluminum dock for Riverfront Park. One bid was received at the amount of \$39,912.00. Mayor Joyner stated that he had spoken with Judge Executive Leslie Stith, and he felt that the County would pay 50%, but would know more after the Fiscal Court meeting to be held on March 09, 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Joyner stated that he had been in correspondence with Gerry Fisher with the Meade County Historical and Archaeological Society and he had explained that the group was falling short on their monthly funding needed to keep the Museum running and cover all expenses. He requested that the City discuss possibly funding in the amount of \$400.00 monthly. They felt that this amount, along with the \$1000.00 monthly received from Fiscal Court would keep them afloat.

Bryan Claycomb suggested that the City agree to finish out March through June of the current Fiscal year at \$400.00/monthly, and look at implementing the \$400.00 monthly into the future budget of 2021/22. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to make the payments for March, April, May, and June of 2021. Bradley Johnston asked that the City be provided with the financials of the society before the new budget. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Councilmember Michael Kelly then brought up the discussion of the bollards that were priced for around the monument in Riverfront Park. He stated that he had received an email from a constituent in opposition of the barricading. He was cut short by Mayor Joyner who responded that it was no longer a point of discussion.

Councilmember Michael Kelly then brought up an article that appeared in the Meade County Messenger regarding an open investigation involving money missing from City Hall. Mayor Joyner then again cut off Michael Kelly from further discussion and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to adjourn the March 08, 2021 meeting of the Brandenburg City Council. The vote passed with Johnston, Basham, Claycomb, Ford, and Fackler voting for the motion, and Kelly not voting. Mr. Kelly did ask that it be noted in the minutes that he was not allowed to discuss the issue during the open meeting.

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk