

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held May 10, 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, Gerry Fisher, Seth Dukes-MC Messenger, Cletis Evans, Rodney Ford, Rachelle Frazier

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Bruce Fackler.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

**3JE Properties**

dba: Allen Evans Realty  
Address: 599 Lawrence Street  
Type of Business: Real Estate  
Applicant: Cletis Evans

Cletis Evans was present to discuss his business license which was tabled at the April meeting. Bradley Johnston made a motion, seconded by Michael Kelly, to un-table the license discussion. Vote of motion was unanimous. Mr. Evans advised the Council that he is an agent along with his wife, and there will be no foot traffic, signage, etc...@ his home at 599 Lawrence Street, where his proposed business will be located. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for 3JE Properties, LLC. Council votes were as follows: in favor - Bruce Fackler, Bill Basham, Bryan Claycomb, Michael Kelly, and Charlotte Ford. Councilman Bradley Johnston voted against because he feels that this type of business does not fall under what the home occupation ordinance was intended to be.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

Rachelle Frazier, the business owner of The Daily Grind on Main Street, spoke to the Council regarding a parking lot which she had been informed the City was considering implementing on Main Street. She stated that if the City did so in the intended location of the Lafayette Street alley, her property would effectively be blocked from any access. Mayor Joyner assured Mrs. Frazier that the City will not at any time block any access to privately owned property without first contacting property owners. Mrs. Frazier stated that her point was that she doesn't want to be landlocked when or if the City decides to expand parking. The Council informed Mrs. Frazier that they will keep her information in mind, should a decision be made at a later date concerning City owned property or parking lots.

Gerry Fisher with the Meade County Museum and Archaeological Preservation Society addressed the Council mainly to thank them for approving the funding request of \$400.00 monthly to keep the Meade County Museum up and running. He also wanted to mention the LST ship will be arriving in Brandenburg on September 3, and leaving on either September 6 or 7, 2021. He gave a brief history of the LST, and mentioned that the visiting vessel is the last one of it's type in service at this time.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from April 12, 2021. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**OFFICE:** The monthly office report was presented by Amy Haynes, City Clerk.

**POLICE:** The monthly police department report was presented by Chief Haag. The Chief then updated that the house where an explosion had occurred on Old Ekron Road had finally been demolished and there is still a wait on an official report from the ATF on the cause of the explosion. He updated that the new Dodge police vehicle was in service, and that the vacancy on the department had not been filled as of yet.

**WATER/SEWER:** The monthly wa/sw report was presented by Public Works Director T.J. Hughes. T.J. then updated that the construction was still moving along at the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Joyner updated that we are still finalizing details on the Main Street sidewalk, so that the project could be put out for bid. Councilman Bruce Fackler then asked T.J. to check on repairs of a dip in the road on Decatur Street which was possibly caused by gas line repair completed by LG&E.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

**ACS-KY, LLC**

Address: 140 Moremen Road

Type of Business: Construction, Industrial and Safety Supplies

Applicant: R. Bailey

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for ACS-KY, LLC. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**Boyd Company**

Address: 160 Moremen Road

Type of Business: Heavy Equipment Sales & Service

Applicant: Boyd Company Louisville

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

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Joyner advised the Council that a Public Hearing and Special Meeting will be held on May 19, 2021 for the Budget Presentation for 2021-2022. Councilmember Claycomb stated that the Council take a hard look at what we are paying our employees, especially the Police Department. He also suggested that the Council look into switching the Police department retirement from non-hazardous, to hazardous in order to attract more to the open positions. Councilpersons Ford and Basham were in agreement. City Clerk Amy Haynes suggested looking into and researching the different retirement options through CERS and determining costs of each. Claycomb stated he wanted proof that the City can't afford it rather than can, and feels like it isn't an issue of cost.

Councilmember Kelly asked a question on whether or not the ships/boats that dock in our park pay for any utilities or services that they receive while they are in our town. They do receive services, but do not pay because we feel this is a tourism draw for our community. Kelly then also suggested that if possible maybe a shuttle service can be discussed, because the age demographic is not conducive to walking in or around the City and local businesses were missing out. It was decided that possibly the Chamber of Commerce, as well as the City, can look into more local tourism opportunities for those aboard the boats.

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

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Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

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Amy Haynes, City Clerk