

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held November 8, 2021 at the Meade County Fairgrounds Home & Garden Building

PRESENT: ORDINANCE #580

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

COUNCILMEMBERS

Charlotte Ford
Bruce Fackler
Bryan Claycomb
Michael Kelly
Bill Basham
Bradley Johnston

VISITORS: Gene Webster-WVIH, Rodney Ford, Jim Jensen, Gerry Fischer MCHAPS, Brandon Brinkley

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.

WELCOME OF GUESTS:

Guest Gerry Fischer, of the Meade County Historical and Archaeological Preservation Society, was invited by Mayor Ronnie Joyner, to accept the plaque given to the City by the LST325. Mr. Fischer plans to display the plaque in the Meade County History Museum. Mayor Joyner thanked Mr. Fischer for being instrumental in procuring the LST visit to Brandenburg in September of 2021. Mr. Fischer then thanked Mayor Joyner, past Judge Executive Gerry Lynn, and current Judge Executive Leslie Stith for their roles as well as Deb Masterson for her key part in securing the LST325 visit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from October 11, 2021. Vote of motion was unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Upon the recent resignation of Larry Garner from the Planning & Zoning Commission, Mayor Joyner stated that Jerry Lancaster had agreed to fill the vacancy. A motion was made by Michael Kelly, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the appointment of Jerry Lancaster to the P&Z Commission. Vote of motion was unanimous.

ANNEXATION:

A discussion was opened regarding the request of Mike Jones regarding his annexation. He has asked at this time for his second reading to be delayed pending future development of property near his on Brandenburg Road. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston to table the second reading of The Mike Jones Property Ordinance #580, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, and vote of motion was unanimous.

The second reading of Ordinance #582 – Carl Austin Property/Huevas Dias, was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Michael Kelly, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the Ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The second reading of Ordinance #583 – C. McGehee/HWY 228 & Bypass Property, was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the Ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The Council then discussed a contract, signed by Chris McGehee, that states that the City of Brandenburg agrees to extend the water and sewer mains to the property owned by WCM Land, for purposes of allowing water and sewer connection to the development. There was discussion among the Council, as to the approximate cost of this extension, and whether or not the City could afford to ensure that water and sewer were available to the property. Mayor Joyner stated that the approximate cost could run around \$300,000.00 and assured the Council that the City could “make it work”, even if ARPA funds were needed to be used for the future development. Councilman Bill Basham stated his opposition to the contract, stating that he didn’t feel that all developers were given the same treatment, including himself on property he owns in the City. Mayor Joyner informed Mr. Basham that should he have future development plans in mind, he should approach the City in a similar fashion as Mr. McGehee to insure that services were available.

The contract was then read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the contract as read. Councilmembers Johnston, Kelly, Ford, Fackler, and Claycomb voted in favor of the motion. Councilmember Basham voted in opposition of the motion.

TRANSFERS/DISCUSSION OF BILLS:

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the transfers as read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Office: The monthly office report was presented by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

Police: The monthly report was presented by Chief Brian Haag for both the police department and the Citizens on Patrol. Chief Haag stated the department and Citizens on Patrol were present for many Halloween events, and noted that on November 20th, from 10:00am-2:00pm the department would be taking part in the “Cram the Cruiser” campaign to benefit the Meade County Angel Ministry at 2 Dollar General Store locations. Haag then stated that he had been approached by the Meade County Board of Education about hiring an additional resource officer provided by the City. This prompted discussion of the traffic issues which arise at the entrance of Barry Hahn Primary School daily during after school pickup. It was stated by Chief Haag that the school board had plans on creating an additional lane on school property to help with the traffic. He stated that the State Road Department had confirmed that the roadway did not meet State requirements for an added turning lane on Broadway.

Water/Sewer: TJ Hughes presented the monthly water/sewer report. He also mentioned that the City is still having lift station issues which are caused mostly by citizens using “disposable wipes” which do not dissolve and end up clogging the pumps. Councilmember Fackler then asked why the City is experiencing a 21% water loss, and TJ noted that it is likely from faulty meters, NUCOR’s random usages, and possibly the flushing of hydrants.

WWTP Update:

Mayor Joyner updated that a progress meeting on November 3rd, and that the City was informed that construction was right on schedule for substantial completion by March 2022. He then updated on the waterline bids for the new 6" main to the new WWTP. The low bid received was from DirtWorks Unlimited LLC in the amount of \$56,175.00. GRW recommended that we accept the low bid, and a motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to accept the bid from DirtWorks. Vote of motion was unanimous. It was then discussed that the County would be splitting the cost of the waterline.

SIDEWALKS:

Mayor Joyner stated that the sidewalk on 448 was still on the City's agenda, and felt like there is a possibility that we could be starting with easements for property owners soon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A one-time salary adjustment for all full-time employees was discussed amongst the Council. City Clerk Amy Haynes informed that last year's amount was \$700.00. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham, to make this year's salary adjustment \$1000.00 per full-time employee. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Councilmember Michael Kelly suggested that the City do something to honor Cathy Jones for her hard work, and beautiful landscaping maintained at her home for many years, in light of her recent passing.

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.

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk