

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held February 14, 2022 at the Home & Garden Building at the MC Fairgrounds..

PRESENT:

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, Bric Pace, Lee Klockow, Leslie Stith, Sarah, Brian, and Nina Chism, Crystal Leo

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.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Lee Klockow, P & Z Administrator, addressed the City Council regarding the re-zoning of the traffic triangle at Bypass Road / Broadway. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval to the Council. Mayor Joyner asked if there would be an access to the property from the one-way slip zone, and Lee Klockow confirmed that yes there would be one entrance on that side of the triangle. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb to approve the recommendation for rezoning, seconded by Bruce Fackler. Vote of motion was unanimous.

An amendment to the Planning and Zoning Ordinance 393 schedule of fees, Ordinance 585, was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. The Council was asked to review and bring any questions or concerns regarding the changes prior to the second reading at the March 2022 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the January meeting minutes as submitted. Vote of motion was unanimous.

ANNEXATION DISCUSSION:

Mayor Joyner addressed the discussion from the previous meeting regarding the annexation of property along HWY 933. Mayor Joyner stated that at this time the City is choosing not to proceed with the possibility of annexation due to low interest from property owners and the possibility that if we were to proceed, we couldn't address the issue again within 5 years. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to rescind the annexation along HWY 933. Vote of motion was unanimous. It was then discussed that the McGehee property along the Bypass and 228 which was approved for annexation has been zoned R1 by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

RESOLUTION 2022-01:

Water Treatment Plant Upgrade was discussed with the approximate cost at 1.3 million dollars. Mayor Joyner stated that bids are due on the 15th. The upgrade will allow the plant to produce 2 million gallons per day. It has been verified that the City can service the debt without raising water rates at this time.

The purpose will be to allow the City to serve both Nucor and Monument without issues. Monument is looking to use approx. 100,000 daily and Nucor approximately 225,000 per day. Councilman Johnston suggested that before we proceed with the upgrade, we look into the possibility of checking with neighboring communities to see if it is possible that we could drill a different deeper well in order to solve the problem. The Mayor assured him that he and TJ would look into it. Resolution 2022-01 highlights were then read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to accept the Resolution as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2022-02:

Regarding the ARPA Funds Allocation – 5% of ARPA funds can be distributed among full-time employees in the amount of \$2500.00 a piece. The resolution highlights were read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Charlotte Ford, in favor of the resolution. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

Police: The monthly report was presented by Sgt. Tim Hendley for both the Police Department and the Citizens on Patrol. Sgt. Hendley then thanked the maintenance department for their hard work during the latest snow and ice events in clearing the roads.

Water/Sewer: TJ Hughes presented the monthly water/sewer report. TJ also updated that the mowing contractor has stated that they cannot match last year's prices due to higher costs, but left it open for discussion with the Mayor.

WWTP Update: The waterline is complete as well as the testing on the line.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Madame On Main

Address: 240 Main Street

Type of Business: Formal Apparel Clothing Retailer

Applicant: Crystal Leo & Katelyn Ray

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the license for Madame on Main. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Joyner announced to the Council that a resignation by email had been received from Councilman Michael Kelly, effective February 14, 2022. It was suggested by the Mayor and Councilman Fackler to give citizens an opportunity to express their interest in the position, and plan on filling the position at the March council meeting.

Councilman Basham asked that the City contact Waste Mgmt regarding the destruction of residential cans that has become a problem, as well as leaving trails of garbage throughout the City. It was noted by City Clerk Amy Haynes that if we were to rebid the contract we currently have, that the City would more than likely not receive the twice a week pickup and the low prices we currently have through Waste Management.

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

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk