

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held January 10, 2022 at Brandenburg City Hall.

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, Jim Jensen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from December 13, 2021. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Amy presented the monthly transfers for January 2022. Motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bradley Johnston to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Office: The monthly office report was presented by Amy Haynes, City Clerk. A contract was presented regarding Kentucky League of Cities' proposal for the review of the City's personnel policy. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to enter into a contract with KLC for the revamping of the personnel policy. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Police: The monthly report was presented by Chief Brian Haag for both the Police Department and the Citizens on Patrol. Chief Haag also updated that the SRO position had been advertised and that many applications had been picked up or emailed, but as of the meeting date, only one had been returned. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2022.

Water/Sewer: TJ Hughes presented the monthly water/sewer report. A question was raised by Councilman Claycomb regarding the siren on Donna Drive, and if it had the ability for a battery back-up so that in the case of power outages the siren could still operate. Mr. Hughes stated that he would explore all avenues to avoid the problem in the future.

WWTP Update: The construction is mostly on schedule, but the crew is waiting on control panel and a pump for the main lift station. All concrete is near completion, and there is a slight hold up on pipe at this time. Councilman Johnston stated that he would be working with the engineers and construction crew on a start up plan for when the plant switches to the new procedure.

Water Plant Update: Mayor Joyner gave a brief history as to why the plant needs to be upgraded, including the fact that the City is currently operating on one well. He stated that no other suitable location on city property was found to drill a new well, and that the neighboring property owner was not agreeable to the City drilling on his property. He explained the current option of an oxidation process upgrade, which will use our existing building with new equipment, and allow the City to raise our production capacity to 2 million gallons a day, as opposed to our current 1 million a day. It was mentioned that even if a new well could be dug, the same issue of high manganese could be a recurring problem. The approximate cost of the upgrade would be 1.3 million dollars. Mayor Joyner presented a spreadsheet that shows if Monument is willing to hook to City water, along with the current NUCOR connection, we would be ahead yearly on the income vs. debt. This is considering if the loan amount is financed at 3% with an approx. monthly payment of \$7600.00. Mr. Jensen, visitor, asked if all avenues had been exhausted on receiving assistance from the State considering water and wastewater projects seemed to be on the agenda for the State's relief act money. He suggested that the Mayor meet with our local representatives, or lobbyists, to try the State route before sinking the City into an additional million dollars of debt. Mayor Joyner stated that the avenue of State assistance had been exhausted without receiving funding.

The timeline for the upgrade would be dependent on advertising for bids and receiving those back to be voted on. Could be as soon as 2 weeks if we move forward. A suggestion was made by Councilman Johnston to ensure that Monument Chemical was on board, then proceeding with the bids to get a more accurate cost. The Mayor stated that even without Monument, the amount of water that NUCOR would be using would service the debt. Basham agreed with Johnston that the City should secure a contract with Monument guaranteeing their need for City water. Councilman Claycomb suggested moving on with the bid process, because the City could ultimately decide to reject all bids if another funding source became available. It was noted that the bids would include the equipment, the process, and the necessary engineering for completion.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Jeff's Burger Shack

Address: inside City limits

Type of Business: Mobile Food Truck

Applicant: Jeffrey Springer

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the license for Jeff's Burger Shack. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Cox Catering & Concession

Db: Fred's Classic Burgers and More

Address: inside City limits

Type of Business: Mobile Food Truck

Applicant: Fred Cox

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the license for Cox Catering & More. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Possibility of Annexation. A map was provided to show possible annexation down 933 to the railroad trusses past Monument Chemical. There was some discussion among the Council of the benefits this annexation would provide to the City as far as tax base and revenue. After an explanation of how this annexation would work by City Attorney Rachel Brown, it was stated that hopefully an "Intent to Annex" ordinance could be prepared and ready for a first reading at the next meeting. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to proceed with the annexation process. Vote of motion was unanimous.

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

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk