

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held August 08, 2022 at Brandenburg City Hall.

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
Bill Basham
Bradley Johnston
Ginger Coomes

VISITORS: Gene Webster-WVIH, Larry Fiehn, Tony & Patsy Allen

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.

YARD OF THE MONTH:

The August winners are Tony & Patsy Allen of 551 Lawrence Street. Mr. & Mrs. Allen were present to receive their certificate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ginger Coomes, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the July 11, 2022 regular monthly meeting minutes. Vote of motion was unanimous.

MONTHLY TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the transfers as presented. Vote of motion was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2022-02:

Resolution 2022-02 was read aloud by Attorney Rachel Brown regarding an existing application for a Community Development Block Grant through LTADD for the Lawrence Street waterline project. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the resolution as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Citizen Larry Fiehn addressed the Council with first a suggestion regarding the City's website, for a question or complaint tab to be added. Mayor Joyner stated he would look into it. Then he had complaints regarding increased traffic and traffic issues in the City, which he feels are a direct result of Nucor. Mayor Joyner explained that the roads in question, Hwy 933 and the Bypass, were State Hwy Dept. His next issue was involving right of ways, backup of traffic on Main Street (again a State Hwy), and questions on undeveloped property regulations. Mayor Joyner stated that he believed undeveloped property could not be overgrown more than 4 foot, but advised he would check on that also. Mr. Fiehn's last suggestion was that parking at Pavilion 1 in Riverfront park be lined due to overcrowding, and not being able to make the turn around when it is in use.

ORDINANCE #599 – Yard/Garage Sale Ordinance:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. Questions arose regarding whether an application or registration would need to be completed, and if there would be a fee assigned for each. Councilman Fackler agreed that some sort of application would need to be completed to register the yard sale, or there would be no way to know if people were abusing the ordinance. Councilman Johnston stated that this would be just another ordinance that no one would police or enforce, and didn't feel like it was necessary. Attorney Brown stated that we cannot legally impose fines or penalties if the ordinance does not exist, and would allow for the current problem of perpetual yard sales in the City. It was suggested that City Attorney Brown add into the ordinance the permit process before the second reading, but was agreed upon that there would be no fee for holding the garage/yard sale.

Ordinance #597 – Property Tax Ordinance:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. Councilman Claycomb clarified that the proposed rate was the compensating rate.

Ordinance #598 – Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Tax Rates:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown.

PLANNING & ZONING

Ordinance #594 Updating Fees and Ordinance #595 Adopting the 2018 Residential Code, were read aloud for the first reading by Attorney Rachel Brown.

The second reading of Ordinance #592 for rezoning the Opal Greer property was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. Councilperson Johnston had concerns regarding the rezoning due to it's proximity to residential areas. There was discussion that the surrounding neighbors in the residential zone did not announce any objections at the Public Hearing. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the ordinance as read. The motion passed with Claycomb, Basham, Ford, Coomes, and Fackler voting for, and Councilperson Johnston abstaining from the vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

Police: Chief Haag reviewed the Police report for July. He stated that Officer Childs is currently in DARE training and would soon be in SRO School to prepare for his job as the School Resource Officer. He said that the Meade County Fair went well, with most calls being medical issues, and no arrests being made. He then thanked the Citizens on Patrol for mostly manning the booth during the week, and announced that the drawing winner of the motorized ride-on toy was Tara Benham.

Wa/Sw: TJ Hughes presented his monthly report.

WWTP Update: Mayor Joyner and TJ noted that the oxidation ditch is set to begin filling near August 22 and would start up at half capacity until all materials arrive. TJ Hughes noted that the process will begin soon to empty at least one of our existing lagoons.

PARKS: Citizen Fiehn brought to the attention of the Council that the rock wall along River Road adjacent to the Old Sewer Plant is bulging and looks like it will eventually fall. He also suggested that the City look into installing an ADA compliant playground in the City.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Mama Bears Kitchen

Address: Inside City Limits

Type of Business: Food Truck

Applicant: Dixie & Jennifer Yost

A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for Mama Bears Kitchen. Vote of motion was unanimous.

“Working on Junk” Singleton Repair

Address: 815 High Street

Type of Business: Shop/ Engine Repair

Applicant: Nancy Singleton

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve the business license for “Working on Junk”. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Joyner updated that we are still waiting on completed drawings to begin the bidding process for installation for the Water Plant Upgrade.

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to adjourn the meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk