

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held November 14, 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
Shannon Stull, Office

COUNCILMEMBERS

Charlotte Ford
Bruce Fackler
Bryan Claycomb
Bill Basham
Bradley Johnston
Ginger Coomes

VISITORS:

Gene Webster-WVIH, Christine Hill (for), Daniel Hehl(against), Tina Hehl(against), Margaret Benham(against), Cheryl Hehl(against), Eric Troutman(against), Jeffrey Shouldice(against), Keith Smith(against), David Pace, Steve Cart(against), Sherry Cart(against), Beau Powers(against), April Powers(against), Mark Spry, Adam Cart(against), Bruce Costantine(for)

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:

Mayor Joyner asked that if visitors were present regarding the rezoning of 757 Hillcrest Drive that they please state their name and whether or not they were for or against the rezoning (as noted above). Ordinance #607 regarding the rezoning of 757 Hillcrest Drive from Residential 1 (R1) to Residential 2 (R2) was read aloud by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb to align with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approve the rezoning. No second was made for the motion, so the motion died on the floor. Councilman Claycomb then gave his opinion as a previous developer of patio homes / duplexes, that this would not be a detriment to the neighborhood of Rolling Heights. Councilman Basham stated that because he is elected by the citizens, he felt that the vote should go with the majority of citizens, who were against the rezoning. Councilmember Fackler stated that he was at the public hearing for the rezoning, and that the vote was split until the acting chairperson broke the tie and voted in favor of the rezoning. After some discussion, a new motion was made to not go with the recommendation of the rezoning as presented by the Planning and Zoning commission by Bradley Johnston. The motion was seconded by Ginger Coomes. The motion passed with Councilmembers Johnston, Coomes, Basham, Fackler and Ford voting for, and Councilmember Claycomb voting against.

Ordinance #593 Hesler Lane Rezoning was read aloud for the second reading by City Attorney Rachel Brown. A motion was made by Claycomb, seconded by Fackler, to approve the rezoning. The motion passed with Councilmembers Claycomb, Basham, Ford, and Fackler voting for, and Councilmembers Johnston & Coomes voting against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2022 meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY UPDATE:

David Pace provided an update on economic development, stating that the industrial authority was still actively showing properties around the City and the County. He suggested that the City consider looking into more Industrial 1 (I1) tracts inside of our existing City limits due to the limited areas we have for expansion. He then updated that the waterline to Hwy 933 to the Miller Welding site had come in under budget, and he was issuing the City a refund check of \$1796.00 for overpayment. Then Mr. Pace updated that NUCOR had added 2 companies to their jobsites which allowed for 90 additional jobs, and that Eddie Kane Steel was on track for Spring 2023 opening. The issue of sewer access for Eddie Kane Steel was brought up upon a question from Mayor Joyner. Mr. Pace replied that the easiest way to access the sewer would be for Eddie Kane Steel to pump to the Fred Wheatley property, and the only hold up was waiting on an easement from Joe Myers.

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the monthly transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

OFFICE: The monthly office report was presented by City Clerk Amy Haynes. Attending CBR coordinator Shannon Stull gave an update on Christmas by the River and opening day.

POLICE: The monthly Citizens on Patrol and Police Department reports were presented by Chief Haag. He also distributed a 2021 offense report released by the Kentucky State Police which broke down calls by agency. Chief Haag updated that the Citizens on Patrol had a lot of activity in October due to many Halloween festivities. Haag then updated that Officer Mitcham's vehicle was currently still in commission but had suffered a deer strike, and Sgt. Hendley's vehicle was currently out of commission and in the shop due to electrical issues.

WATER/SEWER: The monthly report was presented by Public Works Director TJ Hughes.

Water Plant Update: TJ Hughes, PWD stated that the emergency filter system had been put in place and is in use. He stated that water should be clearing up throughout the City within days. Councilmember Claycomb wanted to thank Mr. Hughes and his department for taking on the water plant issues, as well as many other tasks which have been presented to them as of late.

WWTP Update: Mr. Hughes stated that things were still moving along at a snail's pace, but that the oxidation ditch was $\frac{3}{4}$ full, and he wasn't sure as of the Council meeting if the plant had been seeded or not. He stated that the transfer switch was still in limbo which was needed for the changeover was still in limbo, but was supposed to be shipping from Nashville.

Parks: The new playground equipment has an expected delivery of Thanksgiving week according to City Clerk Amy Haynes. The new shower house/ bath/ pavilion construction has begun in the Park with footers being poured. Councilmember Fackler stated that he would like for the maintenance department to repair a pothole at the intersection of Main Street and River Road. Lastly, the Downtown Sidewalk project has once again been revitalized and the funding has been approved. Mayor Joyner stated we were just waiting on word from the Contractor before moving forward.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Envious Ink Studio

Address: 148 Broadway St, Suite A

Type of Business: Tattoo Shop

Applicant: Jaci Bishop

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to approve the business license for Envious Ink Studio. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Big Lots #5456

Address: 777 Bypass Road

Type of Business: Retail

Applicant: Angela Champa

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for Big Lots #5456. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Shannon Stull, the accounts payable clerk / CBR Coordinator, was approved to be appointed as the new ABC Officer for the City. Currently Mayor Joyner held the title, but all of the paperwork was filtering through Shannon and the office. A motion was made by Bryan Claycomb, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the appointment of Shannon Stull as the ABC Officer for the City, vote of motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bryan Claycomb, to approve a one-time salary adjustment in the amount of \$1000.00 for all full-time employees. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Mayor Joyner reminded the Council of our City Christmas dinner at the Italian Farmhouse on December 5, 2022.

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

Ronnie Joyner, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk