

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held January 09, 2023 at Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

Bryan Claycomb, 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
Mark Spry
Bill Basham
Bradley Johnston
Ginger Coomes

VISITORS:

Gene Webster – WVIH, Terry Leeds, Rodney Ford

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.

MEADE COUNTY-BRANDENBURG INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Claycomb informed the Council that he had resigned his voting position with the board due to becoming Mayor. He made the suggestion to fill the vacancy by appointing city resident and business owner Quinten Lynch to fulfill the term. After some discussion, a motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to appoint Quinten Lynch as the City's representative on the board. Vote of motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 regular meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Mark Spry, 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. Amy also reported that Christmas by the River was down a little bit in proceeds from last year, and that weather had played a role in some nights not being open, but the average donation was \$.85 per car.

POLICE: The monthly Citizens on Patrol and Police Department reports were presented by Chief Haag. Chief also updated that the C.O.P program had a total of 60 hours of volunteer time for December, and a yearly total of 923 hours among the 3 members. He stated that if anyone knows someone interested in volunteering for the program, they should pick up an application at City Hall. Police calls in general were down 271 for the month of December, which Chief Haag contributed to likely the colder weather, road conditions, etc...

WATER/SEWER: The monthly report was presented by PWD T.J. Hughes. Mayor Claycomb mentioned that a water plant issue had arisen during the cold weather in which a driver / pump had failed at the water plant, and needed to be replaced as soon as possible. A new one was luckily delivered the next day and a crisis was averted. A spare driver has now also been ordered to have as a backup in case of future issues. He then updated that he, T.J., and Councilman Johnston, had toured the WWTP that day, and did see some issues which will need to be addressed before the WWTP is completed and turned over to the City. At this time, no start-up date has been issued until the problems are resolved.

Streets: Mayor Claycomb mentioned that he would like to review where the City is currently in their road resurfacing cycle, and verify whether we should stay the course, or re-prioritize the lists.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

All the Smoke BBQ

Address: inside City limits

Type of Business: Food Truck

Applicant: Theodore Wright

A motion was made by Ginger Coomes, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for All the Smoke BBQ. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Claycomb updated the Council on the garbage changeover in the City. He stated that the maintenance department had begun pickup of recycle the previous week, and all was completed in one day, with 3 dumps/deliveries being made to the Recycle Center. He also informed that Republic Services had begun their residential pickup. The Mayor noted that the transition has been difficult to say the least, and that he has had our maintenance department help as needed with picking up the excessive overflow from dumpsters that Waste Management has yet to empty or move. He stated that WM was given a deadline of January 23, 2023 to have all of the old containers and trash picked up in the City.

In other business, the Mayor noted that for housekeeping purposes, he needed a motion that all employees and appointees with the City be re-hired/re-appointed effective January 02, 2023, when his term took effect. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to approve the re-hires/re-appointments. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Councilmember Fackler asked about the upcoming project for the new downtown sidewalk. Mayor Claycomb informed that a pre-construction meeting was planned for this Thursday at 10:30am to get the ball rolling. Claycomb also informed that both Ronnie Joyner, and Bill Corum, would stay actively involved with the project which they have worked on for several years.

Councilmember Basham wanted to take the opportunity to thank all the City employees for going above and beyond during the latest cold weather.

Councilmember Johnston stated again that there were issues at the new WWTP. He suggested that all councilmembers receive a copy of the negotiated agreement and the permit to review so that everyone understands the responsibilities of the City in regards to the State requirements. Johnston also suggested that at some time the Council tour the Water Plant to understand the updates and the process of the plant.

Councilmember Coomes asked if the City had received any requests from elderly or disabled individuals in regards to the large size of the new trash receptacles and their inability to get to the curb. City Clerk Amy Haynes noted that there had only been a couple, and that those issues have been addressed with Republic Services.

Councilmember Spry asked about the new restroom facility being constructed in Riverfront Park. Mayor Claycomb informed that the project was initiated under the previous Mayor, but was needed due to the structural instability of the existing bathrooms in the park which have been flooded numerous times.

Councilmember Basham then re-addressed the crack in the wall near the Old Sewer Plant on River Road. Claycomb stated that he is actively researching costs associated with demolishing the building, or re-constructing the existing wall.

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Bryan Claycomb, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk