

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held March 13, 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, Sammy Lee CPA, Brian Slack

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.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

Paws & Guns FFL, LLC

Address: 588 Broadway
Type of Business: Sales & Transfers of Firearms
Applicant: Brian Slack

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the business license for Paws & Guns FFL, LLC. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Hanco, LTD

Address: 1625 Armory Place
Type of Business: Mechanical Repair
Applicant: David Domino

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

The Mane Beauty Bar

Address: 240 Main Street
Type of Business: Salon
Applicant: Molly Straney

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the business license for The Mane Beauty Bar. Vote of motion was unanimous.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Sammy Lee, CPA, was present to present the audit for FY 2021/2022. He reviewed the audit report and stated that the City has been given a clean opinion. After reviewing specific sections of the audit, he stated that Brandenburg was in very good standing as a whole. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to accept the audit as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Ginger Coomes, to approve the regular council meeting minutes from 02/13/23, as well as the special meeting minutes from 03/02/2023. Vote of motion was unanimous.

FINANCING BIDS

Mayor Claycomb stated to the Council that the City was needing to purchase both a skid steer for the WWTP, as well as a new police cruiser. He solicited financing bids from the 3 local banks to find the best interest rates for the purchases. Clerk Amy Haynes opened each sealed bid and read them aloud:

Meade County Bank - \$76,000 (skid steer) 2.99% / payment \$1365.00/monthly
\$50,000 (police veh.) 2.99% / payment \$1106.00/monthly

Wesbanco - \$76,000 6.25% fixed rate / bank fees of \$690.00
\$50,000 6.25% fixed rate / bank fee of \$625.00

Cecilian Bank - \$76,000 5.74% fixed rate / payment \$1463.36/monthly
\$50,000 5.69% fixed rate / payment \$1169.29/monthly

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the financing / purchase of both items utilizing the lowest loan rate from Meade County Bank. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DETERMINATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham, to deem the allocated list as surplus property for the City to be sold at auction. Some discussion was held that in order for the City to participate in any future auctions this would make it an option to participate in any type of sales/auctions should they come available. Vote of motion was unanimous to approve the list as presented.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE #607

The second reading of Ordinance #607, the updated garbage contractor ordinance, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Virginia Coomes, to approve the motion as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #608

The second reading of Ordinance #608, the motion to close a portion of the Green/Front Street alley, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #580

The first reading of Ordinance #580, an ordinance to annex Mike Jones property, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #581

The first reading of Ordinance #581, an ordinance to annex Newcomb Oil property, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #596

The first reading of Ordinance #596, an ordinance to annex G&FF, Inc. property, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #609

The first reading of Ordinance #609, an ordinance to annex Linn Begley property, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #610

The first reading of Ordinance #610, an ordinance to annex Argabright property, was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCES

A brief discussion was held regarding the current issue of annexation and why some counties were wanting to place a moratorium on future annexations. The Mayor pointed out that the first readings of these ordinances were read in preparation of future expansion of the City limits and growth which would allow for the City to provide services such as water & sewer. The main difference for the counties would be that the Insurance Premiums Tax would then be paid to the City, as well as City Taxes. The Mayor pointed out that no promises were made to the groups wanting to annex, other than the possibility of said services in the future.

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, 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.

POLICE: The monthly Citizens on Patrol and Police Department reports were presented by Chief Haag. Chief Haag then updated that he and PWD TJ Hughes had met with the Downtown Sidewalk project contractors regarding the needs of the contractor for the first phase of the project which is set to begin on March 16, 2023, and would mean that Main Street would be closed to through traffic for approximately 30 days. The detour would place travelers on Decatur Street to access downtown. Chief then updated that Feed America would no longer be held at the Fairgrounds, and was moving to St. Johns. He stated that his department would still help with traffic. He also reminded everyone that income guidelines had changed and would be implemented immediately. During the police department discussion, Mayor Claycomb stated that he had been a part of a meeting with the Ky State Hwy Department to discuss current Bypass safety issues. Primarily these being from Hwy 448 to Old Ekron Road. He stated that the State does not feel that a traffic light would be the answer, but are studying lowering the speed limit in that area. Chief Haag then updated that paperwork had been submitted to change an area to a school zone near the private school at Journey Church.

WATER/SEWER: TJ Hughes, PWD, read aloud the activity report for the month of February. He then went on to update that the new shower/bathroom facility in Riverfront Park was due for completion by April 1st. He updated that the WWTP was still very slow going, but the issues are getting contractor back to approve and sign off on different aspects of the construction. He also updated that the SCADA was not operational to specs, but the old lagoons are now emptied and gone. He addressed the destruction of the old Sewer Plant in Riverfront Park and stated that the work was mostly complete and that the County had been beneficial in saving money by providing the hauling off of the dirt/materials. TJ then updated regarding the recent windstorm and stated that the City was able to run on generator for approximately 7-8 hours that day before LG&E power was restored. He updated that the maintenance department was able to pick up all the limbs and debris left by citizens at the curb in about 2 days. Mayor Claycomb then updated on the Water Tower on Moremen Road which he had previously put on hold. He stated that the project will now be moving forward after meeting with engineers on the City's inability to provide adequate elevated water storage.

PARKS:

One bid was received for the mowing in Riverfront Park, from Lancaster Landscaping. His bid was \$675.00/weekly from April thru October. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Virginia Coomes, to approve the bid for mowing. Vote of motion was unanimous. Mayor Claycomb then briefly stated that he was looking into the possibility of a dog park in the future, with more to come on that front.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilperson Coomes stated that she was reminded by Councilperson Ford that Yard of the Month was set to begin in April. Councilperson Spry asked that the Gazebo in Riverfront Park be named after Jerry Cannady. This was mentioned over a year ago. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bill Basham, to name the Gazebo the Jerry L. Cannady Memorial Gazebo. Vote of motion was unanimous.

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

Bryan Claycomb, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk