

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held April 10, 2023 at Brandenburg City Hall.

**PRESENT:**

Bryan Claycomb, Mayor  
Amy Haynes, City Clerk  
Brian Haag, Police Chief  
T.J. Hughes, Public Works Dir.  
Jessica Brown Roberts, Atty  
Tim Hendley, Sergeant

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Charlotte Ford  
Bruce Fackler  
Mark Spry  
Bill Basham  
Bradley Johnston  
Ginger Coomes

**VISITORS:**

Gene Webster – WVIH, Jennifer Marshall, Shane Whitt, Liz Bell, Greg & Cheryl Whelan

**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.

**DOG PARK PROJECT:**

Mayor Claycomb introduced an unofficial committee which was formed to look into the process of implementing a dog park in Riverfront Park. He introduced the visitors and then their representative Shane Whitt addressed the council. He presented rough drawings of the dog park area which would cover almost ½ acre in Riverfront Park. He stated that they are in the planning stages, but are looking at both safety for dogs, kids, and adults who enjoy the Park. He mentioned that they are looking at 6ft fencing around the perimeter of the park and would include an “unleash area” for the dogs on a concrete pad. He stated the park would be divided into 2 sections, one for larger breed dogs, and one for smaller breed dogs. The committee has received an estimate of approximately \$30,000.00 just for the fencing, but would be working on raising funds in the amount of \$40,000 - \$50,000 for total completion. He stated that they wanted it to be a neat and clean dog park which could be enjoyed by locals and visitors to our area. He said that they had looked at other areas in the County, but feel like Riverfront Park is the best locale available as far as police coverage, river views, and security cameras, etc..... The Mayor then mentioned that he does realize that this would bring some additional maintenance chores for the City, but for the most part would be easily maintained. He stated that the project would hopefully be one hundred percent self-funded through donations, but did not rule out the possibility that the City may be asked in the future for monetary contributions. The committee then mentioned that the planning does include benches, watering stations, concrete, some shaded area, etc... as well as maybe adding additional parking spots for users. After some discussion among the Council and questions for the committee the Mayor asked for a motion to allocate the designated area in Riverfront Park as a dog park if the funds are raised to implement. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Ginger Coomes. The motion passed with Johnston voting nay, Ford abstaining from the vote, and Spry, Coomes, Basham, and Fackler voting in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the regular council meeting minutes from 03/13/23. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810 SECTION 1**

At the request of the Mayor, a motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford to enter into closed session. Vote of motion was unanimous. After approx. 20 minutes the open meeting convened with Bill Basham making the motion, seconded by Bruce Fackler. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2023-01 / 2023-02**

2023-01 - A resolution of the City of Brandenburg to Adopt Lincoln Trail Regional Hazard Mitigation and Flood Mitigation 2022 Plan Update.

2023-02 Resolution of City of Brandenburg accepting a grant, approving the grant assistance agreement, authorizing the amendment of the City of Brandenburg's annual budget, and authorizing a representative of the City to sign all related documents.

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Ginger Coomes, to approve both Resolution 2023-01 and Resolution 2023-02. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**TRANSFERS:**

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, 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.

**POLICE:** The monthly Citizens on Patrol and Police Department reports were presented by Chief Haag.

**WATER/SEWER:** TJ Hughes, PWD, read aloud the activity report for the month of March. He went on to note that the Water Plant was operating as designed. Also, the Wastewater Treatment Plant is still experiencing some issues with SCADA, but Walker and the contractors were still adhering to the punch list in order to reach completion.

**Streets:** Councilperson Fackler asked that the trees be trimmed back on Hill Street due to the increased traffic caused by the detour for the Main Street Sidewalk Project. He also asked that the potholes by the blue apartment complex on River Road be filled in. TJ then updated that the new parking area near the entrance of Buttermilk Falls would be seeded and strawed this week.

**BUSINESS LICENSE:**

**Fireworks Store II**

Address: 271 Bypass Road

Type of Business: Temporary Fireworks Sales

Applicant: Teresa Blankenship

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the business license for Fireworks Store II. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**Stivers Flooring**

Address: 2070 Bypass Road

Type of Business: Floor Coverings / Home Improvement

Applicant: Brandon Stivers

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the business license for Stivers Flooring. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**La Dolce Vita**

Address: Brandenburg City Limits

Type of Business: Mobile Food Truck

Applicant: John Dismong

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for La Dolce Vita. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Claycomb reminded the Council that Buttermilk Falls Day would be taking place on April 22, 2023 from 9:00am-Noon if they wished to attend.

Councilperson Fackler asked the status on the annexation ordinances which were read for the first time at the March meeting. Mayor Claycomb advised that we had sent notice to the Meade County Judge Executive, as changed by law, to give them a 45 day notice before the ordinances could be read for the second time.

Councilperson Johnston mentioned that if the City was ever wanting to implement an occupational tax, that an ordinance should be drafted in order for the City's to take precedence over the county should they ever choose to implement the tax. He stated that we did not have to enact a percentage or dollar amount at this time, just get the ordinance in the City records.

Councilperson Basham mentioned that he sits on the board of directors for the Senior Citizens Center in Meade County, and stated that they were looking into re-blacktopping the parking lot, and were soliciting donations. Mayor Claycomb stated that once the local center was being run for the community, rather than a private club, consideration will be given to the request. Basham suggested that a representative from the Lincoln Trail Area Development District be contacted to talk to the board of directors and guide them on how to better serve the community.

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

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Bryan Claycomb, Mayor

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Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk