

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held June 12, 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, Julia Youles – Meade County Messenger, David Pace, Whitney Fore

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, followed by a roll call by City Clerk Amy Haynes.

THANK YOU:

Mayor Claycomb opened the meeting with a Thank You to all City Employees, Ky Rural Water, our Meade County Partners, and all volunteers who assisted the City during the water crisis on June 5, 2023.

YARD OF THE MONTH:

Yard of the Month for June 2023 was awarded to Jim & Emily Jensen at 548 Broadway. The Jensen's were not present at the meeting, but the sign will be placed in their yard and a certificate mailed to them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the minutes from the May 8th, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the minutes from the special meeting held on 05-23-23. Vote of motion was unanimous.

PLANNING & ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Claycomb asked for the approval of Whitney Fore and Ronnie Creech to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. He stated that they both also service on the board of adjustments, but they can also serve as P&Z Board members. A motion to approve the appointment of Whitney Fore and Ronnie Creech was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Ginger Coomes, vote of motion was unanimous.

INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Claycomb asked for the reappointment of David Pace to the Meade Co/ Brandenburg Industrial Authority as a City representative for another 3-year term. A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Mark Spry to accept the reappointment. Vote of motion was unanimous. The Mayor then thanked Mr. Pace for his continued service.

RESOLUTION 2023-05 – Bridgepoint Street(s) Resolution:

Mayor Claycomb informed the Council that the businesses and the developer of the project known as Bridgepoint on the Bypass were raising money to make the necessary repairs on the existing roadway in order to bring the streets up to the City standards. Councilperson Fackler stated that the Resolution

should include a note that until the roadway is inspected by both the City Engineer and the Public Works Director, the City should take no action. David Pace informed of the approximate timeline by stating that bids had already been accepted for the project and that hopefully by the end of June a contractor would be in place to make the necessary repairs. It is agreed among the Council that all markers, signs, width, etc.... must be met in order for the City to takeover the roadways. It was then noted that if any additional spur roads were added in the future that they would be reviewed on an as needed basis, and not necessarily considered City streets. The Resolution was approved (pending the addition of the wording to specify that the Engineer and PWD must verify) with a unanimous vote. The issue of lighting was addressed by Councilperson Spry, and the Mayor stated that LED lighting will be looked into in the future.

ORDINANCE #614 – Personnel Policy Update:

City Clerk Amy Haynes read aloud the second reading of Ordinance #614. A motion to approve was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bill Basham. Vote of motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE #612 – Amending Budget Ordinance:

City Clerk Amy Haynes read aloud the second reading of Ordinance #612. A motion to approve was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bruce Fackler. Vote of motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE #613 – Adopting Budget Ordinance:

City Clerk Amy Haynes read aloud the second reading of Ordinance #613. A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Mark Spry to approve the ordinance. Vote of motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE #615 – Amending Wa/Sw Rates:

City Clerk Amy Haynes read aloud the second reading of Ordinance #615. A motion to approve was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bill Basham. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the monthly transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OFFICE REPORT:

City Clerk Amy Haynes presented the monthly office report for May 2023.

POLICE / COP REPORT:

Chief Haag presented the monthly reports for both the Police Dept. and the Citizens on Patrol. He then asked the Council to approve the addition of a Frigidaire Stove / Oven to the surplus items to be auctioned off on July 18th by online public auction. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the addition. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The Chief then read an email from a contractor who had stayed in the City while working on the Nucor Project. He wanted to commend Sergeant Tim Hendley on being a prime example of a public servant, and thank the City of Brandenburg for being such a great place to stay.

Chief Haag also updated that the new cruiser for the department is in, and has been delivered for graphics and outfitting. Councilman Fackler then thanked the Chief and his crew for all that they do for the City.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Director TJ Hughes read aloud his report for May 2023. He then discussed the water leak and pump problems which occurred on June 5th. He stated that although we did lose water, the leak was repaired in a timely manner thanks to the help of Danny Stinson with Ky Rural Water. He said that as of the date of the council meeting, we were still getting a few calls of dirty water, but he felt that was primarily from the storage tanks regaining their water levels. He noted that within 48 hours the boil water advisory was lifted and that decent pressure had returned to most citizens.

ACCEPTANCE OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE BID:

Mayor Claycomb noted that GRW had reviewed both bids that were submitted to ensure that they were comparable. The low bid of the Herrick Company was presented in the amount of \$280,000.00 A motion was made by Bradley Johnston, seconded by Bill Basham, to accept the bid from Herrick Co. Vote of motion was unanimous.

PARKS:

Mayor Claycomb wanted to inform the Council that on July 1st, from 9:00am-Noon, transportation will be provided by the City to individuals who may want to tour the Buttermilk Falls Trail, but are unable to walk it. He said that this service was a hit on the first trail day, because many of our citizens are unable to see the improvements on the trail.

The Mayor then noted that he had been approached by an individual who is very appreciative of our Riverfront Park, and would like the City to look into the possibility of a splash park. This individual is committed to donating a total of \$100,000.00 to the cause. The Mayor stated that he and TJ were working to hash out any water or sewer issues. The proposed location would be near the new playground/swings in the park. He noted that both TJ and the City Clerk, as well as himself, had toured the new splash pad in Vine Grove for some ideas, and that Amy was working with Vine Grove on numbers as far as cost, water usage, etc.... Councilperson Coomes suggested that the Council get together to possibly view some other splash pads in our area. The Mayor stated that at this point we would just continue to research and get more definite answers on numbers for the project.

Councilperson Fackler asked how the bathhouse situation was working downtown, and if we were still planning on placing programmable locks on the doors to the showers. TJ Hughes stated that they had been ordered but were not here at this time.

SIDEWALKS/ STREETS / STREETLIGHTS:

Councilperson Fackler noted to TJ that the entirety of the Old Ekron Road sidewalk needed to be addressed regarding maintenance. He stated that this is a heavily travelled sidewalk, and there were many areas where limbs were hanging low, grass was growing in cracks, and some areas needed concrete repair. Councilperson Ford stated that the sidewalks on Old State Road should also be looked at for maintenance.

WWTP UPDATE:

The issues with the pump which had some leaks on the potable water line were being addressed. And there were still ongoing software issues at the plant. Mayor Claycomb noted that the City's patience was wearing thin with the contractor and we wanted the job to be complete. He then stated he would meet with the attorney to verify that if we replace the pump at our expense it would be deducted from the remaining balance owed by the City.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

Rancho Alegre

Address: in City limits

Type of Business: Food Truck

Applicant: Agustin Garcia

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

Casabella Fireworks

Address: 515 Bypass Road

Type of Business: Temporary Fireworks Sales

Applicant: Jerry Casabella

A motion was made by Ginger Coomes, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for Casabella Fireworks. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The Boarding House

Address: 456 Main Street

Type of Business: Short Term Rental

Applicant: Joshua Billings

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to approve the business license for The Boarding House. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Rooted Beauty

Address: 455 Broadway

Type of Business: Spray Tanning / Makeup/ Formal Styling

Applicant: Rylee Skeeters

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the business license for Rooted Beauty. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

-Councilperson Ford reminded the Council about Yard of the Month nominees, and stated that suggestions are always appreciated.

-Councilperson Basham wanted to thank the employees again for their job well done during the recent water crisis.

-Councilperson Johnston stated that when the Council agreed to help support the Meade Co History Museum, we were promised a financial report which we have not been given to date.

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 Haynes, City Clerk/ Treasurer