

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held August 14, 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

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Gene Webster-WVIH, David Pace

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.

YARD OF THE MONTH:

Yard of the Month for August 2023 was awarded to Doc & Bonnie Oblander at 347 Lakeview Drive. The Oblander's were not present at the meeting, but the sign will be placed in their yard and a certificate mailed to her.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the minutes from the July 10th, 2023 regular monthly meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

VISITOR INFO:

David Pace updated the Council on the status of the roadways at Bridgepoint Plaza. An Agreement has been signed by the developer, Albert Hartlage, and hopefully by mid-September the paving will be underway. Pace stated the plans are in the hands of City Engineer Tim Smith and PWD TJ Hughes and they will have to approve the completed roadway before it will be accepted into the City road system. Mayor Claycomb thanked Mr. Pace for his efforts in ensuring that this roadway was addressed by the developer and the property owners. Mr. Pace then stated that Mr. Gossett who owns the adjacent property is working on a sketch drawing and pricing to possibly locate an alternate entrance/exit from the plaza on his property along Broadway. Mayor Claycomb reiterated he felt like this was much needed for the safety of citizens utilizing the plaza. Pace informed that the Gossett property is approximately 22 acres, and would not only serve as an outlet, but also a possible development. He mentioned that a couple of the lots have already been shown for future growth.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810 SECTION 1:

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Ginger Coomes, to enter into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 Section 1. Vote of motion was unanimous.

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING:

After a short, closed session, a motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to reconvene to the regular meeting with no action taken. Vote of motion was unanimous.

2ND READING OF ORDINANCE #617:

Ordinance #617 regarding the rezoning of Redhead LLC / B & M Development LLC was read aloud for the second time by City Attorney Jessica Brown Roberts. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #617. Vote of motion was unanimous.

2nd READING OF ORDINANCE #618:

Ordinance #618 – the Street Naming Ordinance was read aloud for the second time by the City Attorney. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Bradley Johnston, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #618 as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #619 - REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATES:

Ordinance #619 was read aloud by the City Attorney.

1st READING OF ORDINANCE #620 – 2024 MOTOR VEHICLE AND WATERCRAFT TAX RATES:

Ordinance #620 was read aloud by the City Attorney.

TRANSFERS:

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

OFFICE REPORT:

City Clerk Amy Haynes presented the monthly office report for July 2023. The City Clerk also updated that the City had received a check from Meade County Fiscal Court for their half of the sewer plant payments for FY2023/2024.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Haag reviewed the monthly reports for the Police Department and Citizens on Patrol. Chief Haag made the announcement that Officer Steve Yocom would be promoted to Sergeant effective 08/15/2023. He then updated that the new cruiser should be available for pickup as soon as the following Wednesday.

Haag then closed by stating that he had heard from Barr Realty regarding the online auction held to sell surplus City items. He stated they would have a check ready for pickup by the City also as soon as the following Wednesday. Mayor Claycomb then noted that \$8000.00 of the surplus money had been earmarked for new police department radios.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Director TJ Hughes read aloud his report for July 2023. He also notified the Council that as of August 2nd, 2023 the City was no longer under the agreed order of the State (regarding the WWTP), and that the City had been released and the case was closed.

Mayor Claycomb then updated the Council that the State has approved the Old Ekron Road Waterline Replacement Project, and it can now be let out for bids to replace approximately 1000 feet of 8' waterline.

The Mayor then updated that the State Hwy Dept. had advised that they would possibly be paving Main Street in September / October. He stated that he hoped that this time frame would allow a window for the City to take out old sidewalk at the approximate cost of \$38,000.00, and that the City could use ARPA funds to pay for the removal.

It was brought to the attention of the Public Works Director that the Old State Road sidewalk still needed to be repaired due to the additional use / traffic as a result of school being back in session. TJ assured that his department would work on the necessary repairs.

Councilman Johnston then asked if The Walker Company was gone / done at the new WWTP. TJ stated he was unsure on their status, but had talked to the software company representatives, and they are due to be at the plant this week.

Regarding the WWTP, TJ noted that we are on our 4th load of solids out of the plant. The plant is not yet dialed in, but 2 ditches are operating during the warranty period.

The Water Plant Upgrade is also underway, and all of the old equipment has been removed. TJ stated that he was told in approximately 5 weeks the new permanent filters should be put in. Mayor Claycomb asked that TJ contact The Herrick Company and not that we are not happy with the extended time frame, especially due to the fact that the City is paying monthly rental on the temporary equipment.

Councilman Johnston then asked that the MOR's be placed in the Council packets.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

STOP & WASH

Address: 1220 Old Ekron Road

Type of Business: Car Wash & Laundry

Applicant: Anthony Edwards

A motion was made by Bill Basham, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the business license for Stop & Wash. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Cooking Leprechaun Bakery & More

Address: Inside City Limits

Type of Business: Food Truck / Trailer

Applicant: Chris Kelly

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the business license for Cooking Leprechaun Bakery and More. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Earls Produce

Address: Inside City Limits

Type of Business: Produce Sales

Applicant: Earl Mounts Jr.

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bill Basham, to approve the business license for Earls Produce. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilpersons Ford, Coomes, Johnston, Fackler, and Spry had no new business. Councilman Basham followed up on the \$4800.00 promised to the Meade County Senior Citizens Center for help in the

repaving of their parking lot. City Clerk Haynes noted that July had been especially busy, but that a check would be cut and ready for delivery on the following Tuesday.

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

Bryan Claycomb, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk/ Treasurer