

The regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held January 09, 2024 at Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

David Pace, Mayor
Amy Haynes, City Clerk
Brian Haag, Police Chief
T.J. Hughes, Public Works Dir.
Jessica Brown Roberts, Atty
Steve Yocom, Sgt.

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Gene Webster-WVIH

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the regular monthly meetings from the December 11, 2023 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.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO KRS 61.810, SECTION 1:

A motion was made by Ginger Coomes, seconded by Bruce Fackler to enter into closed session. Vote of motion was unanimously approved.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Ginger Coomes, to return to the open meeting after an approximate 15 minute closed session. Vote of motion was unanimous. No official action was taken as a result of the closed session.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Upon his resignation from the administrator position, Lee Klockow has agreed to serve as a temporary member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

RESOLUTIONS FOR GRANTS:

Previously, 5 resolutions were read for grants in 2023. As a result of the appointment of the new mayor, KIA has requested that all 5 of the resolutions be re approved and signed by the new mayor. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve Resolutions 2024-01/-02/-03/-04/-05 as read. Vote of motion was unanimously approved.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #625 – Golf Cart Ordinance:

The ordinance was read in summary by City Attorney Jessica Brown Roberts. She then explained that the ordinance would only apply to operating golf carts on City Streets, and would require an inspection prior to a permit being issued. Councilperson Johnston expressed concerns that the ordinance would

likely never be enforced. Councilperson Spry stated that he does not agree with the ordinance, as he feels it isn't currently an issue, and shouldn't be made one. Especially since it would not change things on County or State roads. Some examples were given of where golf carts are currently being driven by residents including Rolling Heights, Eastwood Hills, and Donna/Lisa Drive, which are City streets. The Attorney then noted that off the bat the vote appeared it would end in at least 3 no votes including Mark Spry, Charlotte Ford, and Bruce Fackler. Chief Haag then elaborated as to why it may be a good process if someone were to want to use the carts in their City neighborhoods/streets without hassle – but noted that the individuals would be responsible for obtaining the permits. After more discussion it was decided that the ordinance will once again be tabled by the Council without a vote.

OFFICE REPORT:

City Clerk Amy Haynes presented the monthly office report for December 2023. Haynes then updated that Christmas By the River had ended up with a total car count of 8193, and total donations in the amount of \$5627.92, an average of 69 cents per car. It was discussed that the Mayor, Shannon Stull, and the department heads would be meeting in order to look into options for 2024 CBR events.

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Director TJ Hughes read aloud his report for December 2023. He then updated that around the 14th of December the new filter systems were put into service @ the water plant. He said they hope to have a walk thru on January 17th with the contractors to determine completion, or issues that still need to be addressed.

Councilman Fackler noted that the streetlight at First Baptist and Walnut Alley was not working. It was then mentioned that the sidewalk was complete at the Senior Citizens Center which was funded with the help of donations.

POLICE/COP REPORT:

Chief Haag reviewed the monthly reports for both the Police Dept and the Citizens on Patrol. He advised that the new Dodge truck was in service. Councilman Spry asked if the department was now good on vehicles and asked when the Council should expect to need to replace additional vehicles. Chief Haag advised that likely in the next budget cycle he would be making a request. Mayor Pace then reiterated that the fleet would be looked at as we prepare for the next budget.

Chief Haag then noted that the City would be decommissioning the existing COP cars and preparing them to be auctioned as surplus.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Poisoned Peppermint

Address: 79 Broadway

Type of Business: Boutique

Applicant: Magan Goodwin

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

Sanden Inc. dba Great Clips

Address: 632 Bypass Road
Type of Business: Hair Salon
Applicant: Rob Ritterbusch

A motion was made by Ginger Coomes seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the business license for Great Clips. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TayFitThree LLC dba: Taylor Fitness

Address: 526 Bypass Road
Type of Business: Fitness Center
Applicant: John Beatty

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler seconded by Charlotte Ford, to approve the business license for Taylor Fitness. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Lakiethas Pet Salon

Address: 825 Broadway
Type of Business: Dog Grooming
Applicant: Lakietha Lucas

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler seconded by Bradley Johnston, to approve the business license for Lakeithas Pet Salon. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Regarding the Main Street Sidewalk Project – Mayor Pace stated he has met with the State Hwy Dept and they are still reviewing water control. He also noted that the paving from the Moose Lodge to Devries Dentistry, on the uphill right side looks terrible. He stated he hoped that after meeting with Kevin Blain of the State Hwy Dept he will also see the issues and they will be addressed before the City takes over the street.

None of the Council had any other comments or issues to discuss.

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to adjourn the meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

David Pace, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk/ Treasurer