

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held June 09, 2025 @ 7:00pm @ Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

David Pace, Mayor
Shannon Stull
Jessica Roberts, Attorney
Brian Haag, Chief

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rhonda Allen
Bruce Fackler
Grant Wiles
Donna Brown
Mark Spry
David Woodward

VISITORS: Gene Webster (WVIH), Brian Chism, Alex Richardson, Kimberly Barr, Carolyn Clark, Jordan Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer led by Councilmember Bruce Fackler.

YARD OF THE MONTH:

The yard of the month for June was awarded to Jeff & Kay Embrey of 212 Homeview Drive, they were not in attendance at the meeting so a certificate will be delivered to them, as well as the sign placed in their yard.

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMENT(S):

No comments or questions were brought before the Council either by attendees or by submissions to the clerk.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER:

Officer Jonah Voelker was introduced and sworn in by Mayor Pace.

GRANT WRITER JORDAN WILSON:

Wilson presented to the council a grant application to renovate the boat ramp and make it more accessible. The grant was previously submitted and denied, but he asked the Council for approval to resubmit the application as "Riverfront Park Ramp Restoration Project". A motion was made by Donna Brown, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the submission. Vote of motion was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Business owner and Brandenburg citizen Alex Richardson spoke to the Council regarding his opinion on the City's budget as well as funds in reserves that he feel are accessible for some of the City's needs.

Maple Grove tenant Kimberly Barr addressed the Council regarding ongoing issues at their apartment complex which they feel are not being properly addressed by their property management company. Mayor Pace noted that the City had tried to help with the issues, but it was technically not something that the City had any control over. He suggested to Ms. Barr that she contact the current Fire Marshall for the City of Brandenburg Chris Crawford to see if he could help them out with their concerns.

Carolyn Clark, Lafayette Street resident, approached the Council and asked that someone look at her street due to the increased traffic, construction, etc.... She asked that a second way out of the street be looked into, as Lafayette is only one vehicle wide in most locations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the special meeting minutes from the 05/12/2025 meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

After discussion of a possible correction, a motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the regular meeting minutes from 05/19/2025. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

SECOND READING OF BUDGET ORDINANCES:

City Attorney Roberts read aloud Ordinance #649 – Amending Budget 2024/2025. A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Roberts read aloud Ordinance #650 – Adopting Budget 2025/2026. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the ordinance as read. Councilmembers Spry, Allen, Wiles, Woodward, and Fackler voted in favor of adopting the ordinance with Councilmember Brown voting against. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Roberts read aloud Ordinance #651 – Water/Sewer Rates 2025/2026. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the ordinance as read. Councilmembers Spry, Allen, Wiles, Woodward, and Fackler voted in favor of adopting the ordinance with Councilmember Brown voting against. The motion passed with a majority vote.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

OFFICE: The monthly report was read aloud by Shannon Stull.

POLICE: Chief Haag reviewed the monthly report. He then explained to the Councilmembers Senate Bill #63 which would allow for licensing, etc. for street legal special purpose vehicles. He explained what it would mean within the City limits, as well as referenced a similar ordinance which was set to be read by the County. It was noted that the City would possibly hold a first reading of a similar ordinance at the next meeting. Councilperson Brown asked about nuisance violations for tall grass. Haag responded that there was “negative contact”, meaning no one was at the homes and a door hanger was left for the occupants. Brown then stated that “No contact would be better than saying negative contact”

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT:

Mayor Pace reviewed the water and sewer report in the absence of Public Works Director TJ Hughes.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #648:

The ordinance was presented to the Council in 3 forms, one with .33%, one with .5%, and one at 1%. It was then opened for discussion to the Council. Mayor Pace stated that community input regarding the ordinance would be allowed at a special meeting to be held on June 23, 2025 @ 6:00pm. He encouraged anyone who wishes to speak at the special meeting please call City Hall to sign up.

Councilmember Fackler then made a motion to read the percentage rate at the .5% which was seconded by Mark Spry. A poll was taken by the Council with Woodward, Wiles, Brown voting "No", and Spry, Fackler, and Allen voting "Yes". Mayor Pace broke the tie by voting "No" for reading the ordinance at .5%.

Councilmember Wiles then made a motion, which was seconded by Fackler, to read the ordinance at .33%. Vote of motion resulted in Wiles, Brown, Allen, Spry, and Fackler voting "yes", and Woodward voting "No". Motion passed by majority vote.

City Attorney Roberts then read the ordinance aloud at the .33% for the First Reading of Ordinance #648.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Newcomb Oil Co. LLC, dba: FiveStar #2000

Address: 2121 Brandenburg Road
Type of Business: Convenience Store
Applicant: Newcomb Oil

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the business license for FiveStar. Vote of motion was unanimous.

B&B Fireworks LLC

Address: 2121 Brandenburg Road (adjacent lot)
Type of Business: Seasonal Retail Fireworks Sales
Applicant: Colt James

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

Southern Jaxx, LLC

Address: inside City limits
Type of Business: Mobile Ice Cream Truck
Applicant: Deanna Horsley

A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the business license for Southern Jaxx, LLC. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Fireworks Store #2

Address: 2711 Bypass Road

Type of Business: Seasonal Retail Fireworks Sales

Applicant: Teresa Blankenship

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Donna Brown, to approve the business license for Fireworks Store 2. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The Chocolate Lab

Address: 2030 Bypass Road (inside Fish House)

Type of Business: Chocolate / Desserts

Applicant: The Fish House

A motion was made by Rhonda Allen, seconded by Donna Brown, to approve the business license for the Chocolate Lab. Vote of motion was unanimous.

It was asked by Council that the application dates be submitted along with the names of those applying for business licenses.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Pace asked the Councilmembers if they are interested in riding in the fair parade, and if they would prefer trucks or golf carts to ride in. Woodward, Wiles, Allen, Spry, and Fackler all stated they would be available to ride and would prefer to ride in trucks. Brown stated that she would not be here.

Councilperson Brown then addressed the other Councilmembers and Mayor stating that she would like for the City to form a budget/finance committee. She felt it should be made up of 3 members, 2 of which would be Councilmembers and one Brandenburg citizen. She thinks they should hold one-year terms, meetings should be held monthly, and all budget reports were to be provided to the committee. She made a motion to form a budget/finance committee. She was duly seconded by Wiles. Councilmembers Woodward, Spry, and Fackler voted "No", with Councilmembers Brown, Allen, and Wiles voting "Yes". Mayor Pace placed the tie-breaking vote as a "No".

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk / Treasurer