

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held August 11, 2025 @ 7:00pm @ Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

David Pace, Mayor
Amy Haynes, City Clerk
Jessica Roberts, Attorney
Brian Haag, Chief

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Gene Webster (WVIH), Joe Hager (Meade Co. Messenger), Mark Martin, Sharon Pace, Celeste, Aisley, & Adalyn Pace, Mandy Wayne, Kimberly Barr, Heather Myatt, Amber & Benjamin Goldsborough, Rosa Smith, Brian Chism

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 August was awarded to Dalton & Madison Morgan @ 62 Martha Miles Court.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENTATION:

Dr. Mark Martin, Superintendent, was present to give the city an update on the current upgrades/construction taking place at the Meade County High School. He began by thanking the Council for approving the second School Resource Officer for our school system. He then began talking about the renovation project at the high school. He stated that the media center is not standard sized and needs upgrades, as well as many other aspects of the high school. He stated that the construction is scheduled to be completed by July 1st 2028 and is being done by the same contractor (Redlee Construction) who remodeled the middle school in recent years. Dr. Martin then presented a slide show of the changes /additions and described the reasoning and needs associated for each one.

Councilperson Brown asked about the new parking area near Crestview Drive which will be used as a band practice field and wondered if it was permanent or temporary. Dr. Martin responded that it is permanent and was best for the schools and will be safe for use.

Councilperson Fackler asked if the bus traffic would be coming in and out of the subdivision or onto Old State Road. Dr. Martin responded that the traffic would not filter through the subdivision.

Councilperson Spry and City Attorney Roberts asked if the construction was causing parking issues now. Dr. Martin responded that yes as of now there will be and are issues, but the school system is doing its best to accommodate anyone who needs access to the school during both school hours and after hours events.

Dr. Martin then took a moment to recognize Chief Brian Haag as a big champion of the school system. Chief Haag expressed his thanks, then shared an email from Mark Adams regarding our newest SRO Brandon Sawicki and his willingness to interact with the kids from the elementary schools, even on the very hot days we have had since school started.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT KRS 61.810(1)(F):

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Bruce Fackler to go into closed session. Mayor Pace notated that both Chief Haag, and Amy Haynes, City Clerk / Treasurer would be staying in the session. Vote of motion was unanimous.

After about a twenty-minute closed session, Spry made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Brown. Vote of motion was unanimous. Mayor Pace noted that no action was taken as a result of the closed session.

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICER:

Sergeant Bric Pace was sworn in by City Attorney Roberts, with pinning by his wife Celeste Pace.

GUESTS:

Kimberly Barr addressed the Council as a representative of the Maple Grove tenant union. She stated that her union had talked to the City before about the conditions of their apartments. She stated that they have gotten some response/progress from the owners as they all do have working air conditioners, and one building has been sprayed for insects/spiders. She stated that the City should have a code enforcement officer so that they could come look at their issues and they could get a more positive response from the owners of the property. Attorney Roberts noted that Brandenburg has adopted the Ky building code, but not the Ky landlord code. Barr stated that all they are asking for are better leases and for all the physical problems to be repaired by the landlord. The tenant union feels that if an inspector notates the code issues, then he will have to make the repairs. She noted that Frank Garza has been out and has referred them to the Health Dept, Plumbing Inspector, etc... They asked if we could get a code enforcement officer from a neighboring community to help out. Chief Haag noted that he has made calls, and no one is willing to come out, and that Meade County's code enforcement officer Andrew Martin can only cover County ordinances. Mayor Pace promised that the City would look more into what we could do, and Haag stated that he will contact the county and go from there.

Mandy Wayne, a member of the local Brandenburg Moose Lodge, addressed the Council regarding adding a park bench in front of their location on Main Street in memory of one of their dear friends that had passed away. City Clerk Haynes noted that once the City had received written permission from the Moose Lodge for the location, she could get quotes on different size benches for purchase.

Brian Chism asked why all of the packets that are presented to the Council prior to Council meetings are not available for public inspection prior to the meeting date. City Clerk Haynes responded that the City is under no obligation to provide those items, and have chosen to only post the agenda prior to the meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the regular meeting minutes from 07/14/25. Vote of motion was unanimous.

REVIEW OF ADKISSON PROPERTY REZONING:

The Council reviewed the rezoning request from Judy Adkisson, regarding property at 276 River Cliff Blvd being rezoned from R-1 to R-3. It was noted that Planning and Zoning had denied their request in 2018, but upon the renewed request in 2025 the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to approve the rezoning, as there was no opposition by the public. Attorney Roberts noted that we will have an ordinance drawn up for the September meeting to have a first reading on the change.

ORDINANCE #653-2025 Real & Personal Property Tax Assessment Rates:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Roberts for the first reading. Councilperson Brown asked for last year's rates, which were read aloud by Mayor Pace.

ORDINANCE #654-2026 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Assessment Rate:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Roberts for the first reading

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The transfers were read aloud by City Clerk Haynes. A motion was made by Councilperson Spry, seconded by Councilperson Fackler, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous. Councilperson Woodward stated that the Council should look at making larger transfers to some of those accounts for future expenditures.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Office: The office report was read aloud by City Clerk Haynes.

Police: Chief Haag reviewed the previous month's calls for service. He then mentioned that the Meade County Fair had gone smoothly, with only a couple of minor incidents. He then noted that a couple of weeks prior there had been some instances with juveniles and stolen vehicles, but that all 3 juveniles were apprehended. Councilperson Brown then asked about an incident late Saturday night into Sunday morning, which Haag said he wasn't aware of anything at that time. She then asked about an individual who had been charged with impersonating a police officer, and Haag noted that it is currently an open case, and the details could not be discussed. Councilperson Fackler then asked about the status of Officer Tim Hendley who is off due to a workman's comp injury. Haag noted that Hendley was making progress and will know more at the end of August when he revisits his doctor.

Water/Sewer Dept: Mayor Pace read aloud the report for August. He then noted that sidewalk repairs were being completed as of the Council meeting date. It was then asked how much of Walnut Alley was owned by the City, specifically referring to the crumbling wall. It was noted that the wall was the responsibility of John Bruington, as it was the support wall for his parking lot.

It was then mentioned that a sign should be ordered or placed on the boat ramp noting that there is no parking in the turn around.

Councilman Woodward then asked about a streetlight at Donna Drive and Lawrence Street which needs to be repaired. A pole number will be secured and an email sent to the electric company.

Councilman Fackler then noted there was a large log on the side of Lafayette Street which needed to be removed.

And, it was asked that the trees along the sidewalk on Old Ekron Road be trimmed back for safer passing.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Sam's Gyros 2, Inc.

Address: mobile in City limits

Type of Business: Food Truck

Applicant: Kerelos Abdelsayed

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the business license for Sam's Gyros 2, Inc. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Honey Badger Haus, LLC

Address: 482 B Broadway

Type of Business: Outdoor Shooting Sports Retail

Applicant: Vance Snider II

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the business license for Honey Badger Haus, LLC. Vote of motion was unanimous.

The Toy Box

Address: 228 Main Street Suite D

Type of Business: New & Used Toy Sales

Applicant: Joseph Masden

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the business license for The Toy Box. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Wayne's BBQ

Address: mobile in City limits

Type of Business: Food Truck/Trailer

Applicant: Jessica McCarvel

A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the business license for Wayne's BBQ. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmembers Allen, Fackler, & Spry notated that they had no further business. Councilperson Brown made a motion to go into closed session, which was seconded by Woodward. Under the discussion Attorney Roberts asked what information Brown was looking for, and Brown replied that the Council should be made aware that the City was currently involved in a lawsuit. Roberts stated that yes we have been sued by NCR LLC, and that we will be filing our response to the suit. She noted that NCR is asking for their regulatory fees be returned, as well as any attorney fees they ensued they would be reimbursed for. Councilman Fackler asked if the City could also ask for the reimbursement of attorney fees if we were to win the lawsuit. Roberts stated that yes the City could ask for that. Brown then stated that we are overcharging the people who "drink in the City". She stated that the lawsuit has been known by the Mayor and Attorney for some time, and she felt like there should have been a closed session to present the facts to the Council. Roberts notated that due to the fact that the lawsuit was filed by the son-in-law of Councilperson Brown, and that the City was gathering facts for the rebuttal, there was not a need for closed session discussion.

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

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk