

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held September 08, 2025 @ 7:00pm @ Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Gene Webster (WVIH), Joe Hager (Meade Co. Messenger), Kimberly Barr, Heather Myatt, 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 September was awarded to Amanda Thomas of 916 Lawrence Street, after watching a video posted for the August yard of the month winners Dalton & Madison Morgan and family.

WELCOME GUESTS:

Brian Chism asked for an update on the posting of agendas and all other information provided to the Council in their packets prior to the meeting. Mayor Pace stated that we are looking into it. Representatives from the Maple Grove Tenants Union were in attendance but left the meeting after confirming with Mayor Pace that the City is still looking into their issues and had no definitive answers at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from August 11, 2025. Vote of motion was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF ORD 655 – ADKISSON PROPERTY REZONING:

City Attorney Roberts read aloud the ordinance for the first reading.

SECOND READING OF ORD 653 – 2025 Real & Personal Property Assessment Rates:

The ordinance was read aloud by Roberts. A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

SECOND READING OF ORD 654 – 2026 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Assessment Rate:

The ordinance was read aloud by Roberts. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The transfers were read aloud by City Clerk Haynes. A motion was made by Councilperson Woodward, seconded by Councilperson Fackler, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous. Councilperson Fackler then asked questions regarding Ferguson invoices and Haynes explained that they are the same company with different divisions, hence the difference between the name made payable to. Councilperson Brown then asked about invoices from Gall's, DC Plus, and Betner, which were explained by the Chief to be uniforms and police vehicle expenses. She also asked about Troy Mills invoices, and it was explained that he is the building and electrical inspector for the City. Brown then asked about City police officers working at the St. Martin's Church picnic in Flaherty, and Haag explained that those officers are paid off duty by the church, not by the City.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

Police: Chief Haag reviewed the previous month's calls for service. Haag also noted that we have extended the application process for a new officer due to low response. He mentioned that the department has several events coming up including Tucker Days and events in Riverfront Park.

Water/Sewer Dept: Mayor Pace read aloud the report for the water and sewer department. He then explained that the proposed grant for the feasibility study in the Park regarding the collapse of the riverbank has been derailed due to the short timeline in which information had to be submitted and the likelihood that the study wouldn't meet the parameters for the funding. He stated that we are also looking at alternate locations to drill a new well, should the riverbank restoration not be feasible. Councilman Spry then followed up with a question on the proposed new water tower on Moreman Road, and Pace stated that we are still looking for supplemental funding for the approximate \$600,000.00 that the City would have to finance due to the grant shortfall. Councilman Fackler then asked about Haag mentioning a new police vehicle purchase. Haag reiterated that the vehicle had been budgeted and was on order. Councilperson Brown then asked if there had possibly been a police chase of some sort on Sunday around 9:30 along Main Street or Broadway. Haag noted not that he was aware of, but looked up a logged call for backup from KSP to Brandenburg Road & Tophill Road. Mayor Pace then noted that lights have been repaired and road signs had been placed on the boat ramp as requested during previous council meetings. Mayor Pace mentioned a new event the City was introducing the weekend of October 23, 24, & 25th, the Pumpkin Walk. He presented a flyer with details and noted that the Facebook post had been receiving a lot of positive feedback for the event.

Sidewalks: Councilperson Fackler noted that the Howard Drive & Old Ekron Road needs to be fixed from where it was damaged during the recent paving. It was also noted that there was a pothole at Worley Lane and the slip lane that needs to be looked at.

Councilman Spry asked for an update on the possibility of pickleball courts in Nichol Park. Pace informed that he is doing some refiguring with Smith Engineering to add on pickleball courts rather than converting some of the existing basketball courts. This would allow for more room, as well as extended parking.

Councilperson Brown asked about a “manhole” at the bottom of Main Street near the steps of Jailhouse Pizza, stating that if you have to get over it is a rather large bump. Pace stated he believed it was actually a valve cover, but would have the maintenance department check on rings to rise it to the current blacktop level. She then asked if the nuisance ordinances regarding tall grass could be followed up with on Lafayette Street.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Traveling Table’s Daily Manna

Address: mobile in City limits

Type of Business: Food Truck

Applicant: Brandon Savat

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the business license for Traveling Table’s Daily Manna. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Mayor noted that City Hall would be closed on Wednesday, September 10th from 11:00-4:30pm so that the staff could all attend CPR training at the EMS station.

Pace then noted that there was some miscommunication regarding Meade County/Brandenburg being involved in the “Ohio River Way” plans. He stated that we are involved, but are part of the second phase of the plans which spanned from West Point to Owensboro along the Ohio River.

Councilperson Brown asked when Halloween was, and it was noted that trick-or-treating is always held on Halloween (October 31st), but that the hours would officially be set at the October meeting.

Councilman Fackler asked if the City employees would be hosting a flu shot clinic this year, and was advised that the City had not participated in those for many years.

Councilperson Brown then asked about the reporting which will be due for the first time in October regarding the payroll tax. She asked if letters had been sent to local business owners regarding the tax. It was noted by City Clerk Haynes that due to the short amount of time between the approval and effective date letters had not been mailed, but all the information was posted on the City’s website. She suggested that there be an open-house type event held at City Hall for business owners to attend to learn more details. Mayor Pace noted that he and the City Clerk had attended a requested meeting with the Board of Education and had no problem continuing to do that for others if they would like to reach out.

Councilperson Woodward asked that a high-water marker be placed on Main Street near the riverfront. Mayor Pace noted that he had spoken to Smith Engineering regarding the marker and plans are in place to arrange for one to be placed in the park. Woodward then asked about the “eyesore” building located at the top of Main Street / Broadway. It was noted that the building is in disrepair, and has been for many years, even prior to the current owner’s purchase, but that the Mayor would speak to them about cleaning it up.

A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Donna Brown, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Brandenburg City Council. Vote of motion was unanimous.

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk / Treas.