

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held October 13, 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, Jason & Beth Henderson, Raleen Fisher

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 October was awarded to Jason and Beth Henderson of 1389 Old State Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from September 08, 2025. Vote of motion was unanimous.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #655 – ADKISSON PROPERTY REZONING:

The ordinance was read aloud by City Clerk Haynes. A motion to approve was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Bruce Fackler. Under discussion Councilmember Brown asked about the lot and a map of the property, which Mayor Pace shared with the Council. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The transfers were read aloud by City Clerk Haynes. A motion was made by Councilperson Spry, seconded by Councilperson Allen, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous. Councilperson Wiles asked about last month’s transfer of \$125,000 to the waterworks and sewer operation and maintenance fund, which showed on the register as \$125,244.39. Haynes explained that an additional check was deposited along with the Revenue Fund transfer check. A question was asked about the ABC account and what it could be used for, and if it could take up some of the expenses in the General Fund by Councilperson Spry. Chief Haag noted that those funds have very specific allocations which must be related to alcohol, including DUI arrests, enforcement of alcohol laws, etc... Councilman Spry then asked about a check made payable to Smith & Roberts, which was explained as the monthly retainer for the City’s attorney.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

Police: Mayor Pace stated that he had asked the chief to come up with a monthly report with several omissions from the regular monthly report which had been handed out in the past. He clarified that we were using the call log from dispatch, which may include names/addresses, etc... of cases which may still

be tied up in the court system and shouldn't be disclosed. Chief Haag noted that the department had responded to 499 calls during the month of September which broke down as follows: Haag – 68, Pace – 153, Hendley – 0, House – 30, Voelker – 85, and Sawicki – 163. He then noted that the City had many events in the park during the month without any issues being reported. When asked about any possible new hires for the vacant position, Haag noted that one applicant had been sent for a physical agility test, but had failed, and would have 30 days to retest. Haag then noted that he didn't have any updates as to the status of the new police vehicle which had been ordered. Councilperson Brown then asked if the Council would now just be receiving a one-page report – and Haag stated that yes they would, and that it had been discussed with our Attorney. He stated that should the Council have any questions he could be reached by email and would disclose only what is legal to report.

Water/Sewer Dept: Mayor Pace read aloud the report for the water and sewer department. He then noted that Jonathan Stull had been promoted to the vacant Assistant Public Works Director, and the department was currently fully staffed with the exception of one part-time employee. The Mayor then mentioned that the large flag display for Christmas by the River was being overhauled, and hoped to be completed before opening day of CBR. Under sidewalks it was noted that the issues on the Old Ekron Road sidewalk have been looked at, and repairs are being considered. Under streetlights it was noted that after "All About Home", but before Bruington Jenkins Funeral Home there appeared to be an outage, as well as at the far entrance of the Meade County Museum.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Damon's Dog House

Address: mobile in City limits
Type of Business: Food Truck
Applicant: Damon O'Keefe

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the business license for Damon's Dog House. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Burnett & Griffin PLLC

Address: 313 Hillcrest Drive
Type of Business: Law Firm
Applicant: Mary Burnett

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

Get Fizzy With It Dirty Soda Pop's LLC

Address: mobile in City Limits
Type of Business: Food Truck
Applicant: Hope Higgins

A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Donna Brown, to approve the business license for Get Fizzy With It. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Skin & Body Suite

Address: 79 Broadway, Suite A

Type of Business: Esthetic Services

Applicant: Arien Bennett

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the business license for Skin & Body Suite. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Kimberly Barr addressed the Council on behalf of the Maple Grove Tenant Union. She was asked questions by the Mayor and Council regarding Maple Grove and the procedures for renting there. She stated that there are 55 apartments, and each apartment has to be rented under a "Head of Household", but if it is a couple or family, etc..., all names must be listed on the lease. She stated that each tenant must report income, other than children. She stated that in a tenant's union it does have to consist of a majority of tenants, meaning that 60% of tenants must be represented. She stated that they do have currently 5 or 6 apartments vacant. Ms. Barr stated to the Council that she is willing to answer any questions if it would hopefully lead to some type of code enforcement in the City. She stated that management had made some repairs, but that the list was still long of improvements which needed to be made, including plumbing issues, air conditioning problems, etc...

Mayor Pace stated that we would try to set up a meeting at City Hall with both the management copy and the tenant union to hopefully resolve some more of the issues.

He reminded that the City does not have a code enforcement officer currently, and that should we consider obtaining one, the planning and zoning commission would have to adopt the international building code as well as the officer would have to be certified. He reminded the tenant union that our goal was to make their living situations suitable.

Trick or Treat Hours:

City wide trick or treat hours were set for October 31, 2025 from 5:30-85:00pm. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Donna Brown to approve the hours. Vote of motion was unanimous. Mayor Pace then noted to the Council that our officers generally stage in the local subdivisions if anyone was interested in riding along.

Riverfront Park:

Mayor Pace and Chief Haag noted that the previous weekend the Park had been very busy with many events, which led to some confusion as to who/what was taking place where in the Park. It was noted that at the weekly staff meeting it had been decided that perhaps the Park was not the most suitable place which should be hosting the community wide yard sales. It was then asked if the office was made aware of events in the park, and Haynes noted that we do have a form on our website for individuals reserving spaces in the park where we ask the type of event they are holding. If it is a large event, we advise that the Mayor and Chief meet with the coordinator of the event to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Councilperson Brown then asked if it would be possible for the Council, or even the City's website, to have an updated monthly calendar of events in the City. Haynes noted that we would do our best to provide the information to the Council, but would likely not promote other events on our website.

Mayor Pace then listed several upcoming events for the Council including the Grand Reopening of MC Solid Waste on October 22, 2025, the November 4th groundbreaking for the new animal shelter, and a country ham breakfast on November 15th. He also reminded the group of our upcoming City first annual Pumpkin Walk taking place in the park on October 23,24, & 25th. He also went on to thank the Kroger employees who generously donated over 90 pumpkins for the event to be decorated on the 23rd.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by David Woodward to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 section I(C). Vote of motion was unanimous.

The Council returned to open session after a 25-minute closed session with a motion by Fackler, seconded by Spry, and a unanimous vote. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

Mayor Pace then asked each Council member if they had anything to discuss:

Councilman Fackler asked for an update on the water tank project. Mayor Pace noted that Caldwell Tank had been more than accommodating with working with us as we determine our options on how to make up the \$600,000 shortfall.

Councilman Spry asked about the occupational tax reporting. City Clerk Haynes noted that to date just a little over \$4000.00 have been returned, but that the deadline was October 31st. She also noted that a report could be printed monthly which would allow the Council to see the breakdown of all taxes collected. Spry then asked about the cybersecurity of our Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. He noted that he had watched a documentary on the subject where many plants were being hacked by foreign companies. Mayor Pace stated that to his knowledge we had adequate security in place, but that he would verify with the Public Works Director.

Councilman Woodward spoke about employee retention, and how he had noticed that there had been a lot of turn over since he came into office. He said that after talking candidly with employees he believed that money was the biggest issue. He feels that compensation levels were too low and as a Council they needed to work on improving salaries across the board. Mayor Pace was in agreement and stated that perhaps in the one time yearly salary adjustments, as well as the next Fiscal Year budget the issues could be addressed.

It was then asked if another sign could be placed at the bottom of Main Street notating the RV Park, playground, Buttermilk Falls, boat ramps, etc... Pace stated that we would look into the cost of signage.

Woodward then stated that he apologized for bringing up the “eyesore at Main Street and Broadway” last month, and meant no ill towards anyone, but the fact is that it does need to be cleaned up in order to improve the intersection leading to the Park.

Councilperson Brown then asked about an arrow sign @ Decatur Street pointing towards downtown. She also questioned a home on Hunter Lane which flooded during the last big rain, and had apparently flooded many times before. The Mayor assured her that the problem was not a City issue, but an issue

with the developer who designed the neighborhood, and the contractor who built the home in a floodplain.

Brown then asked about the proposed uses for the Occupational Tax income, and when the Council would sit down and discuss plans? She feels that a planning session is in order to run the numbers and possible uses.

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

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk