

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

PRESENT:

David Pace, Mayor
Amy Haynes, City Clerk
T.J. Hughes, Public Works Dir.
Jessica Roberts, Attorney
Brian Haag, Chief
Bric Pace, Sgt.

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: WVIH, David Harper, Kimberly Barr, Heather Myatt, Rosa Smith, Brian Chism, Jason French, Ryan Franks, 2 other Maple Grove Residents.

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.

WELCOME GUESTS:

Kimberly Barr, representing the Maple Grove tenant's union, addressed the Council again about the issues at their apartment complex, as well as the City's need to hire a Code Enforcement Officer in their opinion. Chief Haag noted that at the November Council meeting she was asked to provide a detailed list with apartment numbers of the issues that were currently going on. Ms. Barr stated that the list had been provided to the onsite property manager, as well as to the parent company. Chief Haag noted that he was not provided with the list, and that without the list legal procedures would never even be a possibility without the documentation, pictures, etc... Ms. Barr stated that all 55 units have mold and a spider problem, and once again she was reminded to provide the detailed list to the Chief. It was noted that the City had spoken with the gentleman at the management company but would like to see the list of issues that were submitted in order to gain clarity as to the extent of the issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Grant Wiles , to approve the meeting minutes from the November 10, 2025 regular meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE #656:

City Attorney Roberts read aloud the changes to the Personnel Policy Ordinance for the second reading. A motion to approve the ordinance as read was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Grant Wiles, vote of motion was unanimous.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Office: Due to an oversight, there was no official report given, but City Clerk Amy Haynes reported on Christmas by the River current donation totals after 9 days. It was discussed that possibly providing a QR code for individuals who do not have cash could possibly be another source of revenue. The average donation per car at this point was approximately 32 cents per car.

Police: Chief Haag reported that there were 533 calls for service in November and gave a breakdown of calls per officer. He then noted that the following Saturday there would be a “Cram the Cruiser” event at Sav-A-Lot from 10:00-6:00pm. He also noted that Shop with a Hero took place the previous Saturday, with great attendance and a smooth day without issues. He stated approx. \$10,000-\$11,000 dollars were divided among 42-45 children to provide Christmas.

Water / Sewer: TJ Hughes read aloud his report for November. Councilperson Brown then asked about a temporary storage box which was located at a residence on Decatur Street and was hanging over the roadway. She also asked that a “No Truck” sign be posted on Decatur Street.

Mayor Pace then noted that Ashley Willoughby had returned to the Lincoln Trail Area Development District to help with the completion of many grants which were still outstanding. It was then mentioned that as a result of the requested mailing of letters regarding the occupational tax some companies had responded and payments were trickling in. Councilperson Brown asked when there would be a meeting of a “planning committee” to discuss options on how to allocate the income from the tax. Mayor Pace stated that it would likely be after January, in order to have a better read about the amount of income which will possibly be generated.

Mayor Pace then took the opportunity to showcase a bottle of Whistle Pig bourbon, which was proudly bottled and distributed in Brandenburg at 1707 Armory Place.

Visitors Jason French and Ryan Franks were then introduced as business owners who had questions regarding tinted film which had been placed over the windows of their establishments. It was noted that according to the current sign ordinance, only 30% of the front windows may be covered. Neither place had applied for a permit prior to installing the tinted / worded window coverings. French addressed the Council noting that it was not done maliciously, as neither was aware that a sign permit was needed for the window coverings. Mayor Pace noted that several other locations have tints on windows that were likely not permitted, but that the City would look into options. Ryan Franks mentioned that he did not view the covering “as a sign” and apologized but noted that their window coverings were placed for the safety of the children attending their Christian school. Mayor Pace noted that the Council would work on possible changes or other viable options to the sign ordinance that could possibly remove the window coverage restrictions. It was also noted in the future it may be a good idea to include sign permit applications when providing new business license applications to potential business owners in the future.

Councilperson Woodward then brought up the disrepair of the building located at Broadway and Main Street. He stated that Mr. Clark, the property owner, had visited his home and said that it wasn’t a priority for him to clean up the property any time in the near future, and that prior to his ownership the building had been in disrepair for many years. Woodward noted that he would like the City to consider cleaning the site up and putting a lean against the property, meaning that we would mow, take care of weeds, and clean up only the outside of the property. Mayor Pace explained that EPA had actually come

in after the purchase of the building by Mr. Clark and noted that due to the age of the building, and the existence of asbestos in the siding, roofing, etc...., special steps would need to be taken for the remediation before the building could be demolished.

It was asked that City Clerk Haynes email a copy of the current nuisance ordinance to the Council.

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

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk/ Treasurer