

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held March 9, 2026 @ 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-Gene Webster, Brian Chism, Sammy Lee – SK Lee CPA

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & PRAYER:**

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer led by Bruce Fackler.

**AUDIT REVIEW:**

Sammy Lee with SK Lee CPA attended to present to the Council the 2024/2025 Audit. He referred to page 2, stating that his firm had issued the highest appraisal they can as an auditing firm. He then referred to page 5 and gave a brief review of all the columns, and page 6 which is a snapshot of total revenues. He reflected that those 2 pages are basically the “meat” of the City’s income and outflow. He then proceeded to page 22 to discuss the liabilities which include those that have to be shown by state regulations involving retirement and OPEB. He then asked the Council to turn to page 35 to compare the net pension liability over the last 10 years, and page 37 the OPEB liabilities. Page 44 reviews all the water and sewer checking accounts. Finally on page 46 the audit was described as having no significant findings or violations. Mr. Lee then referred to the loose letter which is addressed to the Council and would have been mailed to them had he not been in attendance to review the audit in person. He ultimately declared that Brandenburg is in very good fiscal shape, being financially sound and solvent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve February 09, 2026 minutes with one change indicating that Bruce Fackler was not present at the February meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The transfers were read aloud by City Clerk Haynes. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #657:**

An ordinance addressing the rezoning of property owned by Riverbran LLC. After a brief synopsis by Mayor Pace, the ordinance was read aloud for the second reading by City Clerk Haynes. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the ordinance as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

### **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE #658:**

An ordinance amending the Sign Ordinance #574 allowing translucent window signage. The ordinance was read aloud for the second reading by City Clerk Haynes. A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the ordinance once a definition of “translucent” is added. Vote of motion was unanimous.

### **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #659:**

An ordinance addressing the rezoning of property owned by Judy Jackson. Again, the Mayor gave a brief synopsis of the location and details. The first reading was read aloud by City Clerk Haynes.

### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Office:** The monthly office report was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes. Councilperson Fackler asked for a status update on the United Systems software which has been budgeted. Haynes noted that it has hit a snag, as now the company is not wanting to allow us to continue our own bill printing, resulting in astronomical monthly charges. Mayor Pace noted that we are still talking to them about these fees.

**Police:** Chief Haag presented the monthly report for his department and listed the following calls: 940=45, 941=84, 942-out, 943=109, 944=42, 945=45, and 946=130. He then stated that in 2026 the Brandenburg Police Department has already responded to 31 accidents, and opened 26 new case reports. Councilman Spry asked if Haag could give an average number of citations issued either monthly or annually. Chief Haag noted he would have to put that information together after some research. Haag also noted that his department has been watching traffic at intersections, and currently only an average of about 52% of drivers are wearing their seatbelts. Mark Spry then asked where the police vehicle driven by Officer Hendley was located. Haag noted it was picked up that day and was being scheduled for service.

**Water/Sewer:** TJ Hughes presented the monthly water and sewer report. Mayor Pace then informed the Council that as a part of our grants in progress the City was hoping to be able to purchase 300-500 new radio read meters. Fackler asked how many years the radio read meters were projected to last, and Hughes informed 10 years. It was noted that some of our original radio reads had almost reached that threshold.

Councilperson Brown asked that TJ look at a downed tree near the pedestrian bridge in the park and have it removed once the waters recede from the recent rainfall. Brown then asked how many of the lights on Lafayette Street were owned by the City. It was mentioned that some are City and some are privately owned. She states that there is a light which remains on constantly, but David responded that we were not billed for usage at each light, just a flat fee. Mark Spry then asked again about the possibility of streetlights in “The Station” neighborhood. Pace informed that we are in talks with LG&E to get the cost of placing them only at the intersections at this time.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mayor Pace noted that we had received bids for new carpeting as well as repainting of the interior of City Hall and were reviewing those. He also mentioned that the back door to City Hall had been repaired due to some long-term damage. Pace then noted that a neighboring building had recently been put up

for lease and that the City was in discussions with the owner, as it is very rare that close proximity properties become available.

Brian Chism asked to address the Council and passed out copies of an open records request regarding the building of the shop structure at City Hall. He stated that although the project did not have to be bid due to the state regulations of purchases under \$40,000, he felt that the City should implement our own limits per ordinance on large purchases.

Councilperson Brown asked a question about the Public Safety portion of the audit which was addressed by Chief Haag. She also stated that according to her conversations with an attorney at KLC she feels that we can use the occupational tax income for infrastructure projects, because according to KRS occupational tax has unrestricted uses. Mayor Pace informed Brown that we would look into the matter more closely.

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

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Mayor David W. Pace

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Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk / Treasurer