

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held June 08, 2026 @ 7:00pm @ Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Gene Webster (WVIH), Joe Hager (Meade Co. Messenger), Brian Chism, Kimberly Barr

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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Pace read aloud the Public Hearing notice regarding the Municipal Road Aid & Local Government Assistance Fund resources available for appropriation. No public comments were heard nor submitted prior to the hearing. Councilperson Brown asked if the public hearing was posted online, and if it involved the entire City budget for 2026-2027. City Clerk Haynes noted that it is a requirement by law to only hold the public hearing on the Municipal Road Aid & LGEAF accounts.

YARD OF THE MONTH:

Councilperson Allen read aloud the certificate for the Yard of the Month for June – Doris Snawder at 151 Anne Court.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen to enter closed session. Vote of motion was unanimous. After approximately 30 minutes in closed session, a motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by David Woodward, to return to open session. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the May 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes. Vote of motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the May 21, 2026, special meeting minutes. Vote of motion was unanimous.

TREASURERS REPORT:

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the monthly transfers. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Councilperson Brown asked several questions regarding bills paid out of the General Fund Account, as well as Operation and Maintenance Account, which were duly answered by City Clerk Haynes.

INDUSTRIAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Pace noted that Mitch Crump needed to be replaced as a City appointee on the Industrial Authority due to him moving out of state. The replacement individual would complete the remaining 2 years left on Crump's term. Todd Blackburn was suggested as the replacement. David Pace's term was also up for renewal to a 3-year term. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Bruce Fackler to accept the appointment recommendations. During discussion, Councilperson Brown asked who the current sitting members are on the Industrial Authority Board. Pace noted it was Bill Wilson, Dale Funk, and Jeanna Turner as the County representatives and Quin Lynch, Mitch Crump (replacement Todd Blackburn), and himself. Brown then asked if David was paid for the position to which he replied he was paid as the executive director. Brown noted that the City allocates money for the Industrial Authority and would like to know what the funds are used for. Pace noted office expenses, maintenance, part-time secretary, insurance, etc... A vote was taken with Councilmembers Allen, Spry, Fackler, Woodward, and Wiles voting yes to the renewal of David Pace's term, as well as Todd Blackburn being the replacement for Mitch Crump. Councilmember Brown voted no.

RESOLUTION 2026-01:

The resolution regarding the approval of a grant assistance agreement was read in summary by Attorney Roberts. A motion was made by Rhonda Allen, seconded by David Woodward, to accept the Resolution as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

DESIGNATION OF APPLICANT'S AGENT:

As required by FEMA to receive reimbursement for flood debris removal in April of 2025, the City Council had to approve the designation of Amy Haynes, City Clerk as the applicant's agent. A motion was made by Donna Brown, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to approve the designation. Vote of motion was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #663: Amending Percentages/Rates of ABC Ordinance #640

The ordinance was read aloud in summary by Attorney Roberts. After some discussion and explanation by the Attorney, Mayor Pace explained that we haven't used the majority of current funds received due to not having been able to predict the amount of income it would generate. Councilperson Brown stated that it was her belief that it should be lowered even more.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #660: Amending of the 2025/2026 Budget

The ordinance was once again read in summary by Attorney Roberts. Councilmember Brown asked questions regarding some of the amendments which were explained by both Pace and Haynes.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #661: Proposed 2026/2027 Budget

The ordinance was read in summary by Attorney Roberts. Councilperson Brown expressed the desire to ask several questions, to which Mayor Pace replied they would be addressed prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #662: Water/Sewer Rates 2026/2027

The ordinance was read aloud by Attorney Roberts. It was noted that the rates include a 2% increase in both water and sewer for inside and outside the City limits.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

OFFICE: City Clerk Haynes read aloud her monthly office report.

POLICE: Chief Haag reviewed his report stating that for the month of May the department responded to 507 calls for service. 940=37 calls, 941=85 calls, 942=0, 943=111, 944=43, 945 = 58, and 946=173. Haag also noted that the department had undergone training for the new tasers and they were now in service. Haag stated that the body worn cameras would hopefully be in service in the next few weeks. He then noted that he had attended the KLC Safety Summit in Lexington which focused mainly on vehicle occupant safety, seatbelts, car seats, etc...

Haag noted that the firearms simulator which was used in the last month had been useful in training officers in different scenarios presented to them in a controlled environment. In his last order of business, the Chief noted that he would likely be putting out notice soon of the full-time officer position available in his department, as well as a part-time non-sworn position.

WATER/SEWER: Public Works Director TJ Hughes read aloud the report for his department for May. He also noted that in regard to the Old Ekron Road water project, the contractor was hoping to get past the Wesbanco entrance the following day and then the job would proceed likely on a faster timeline. It was noted that the project had a completion date of no more than 90 days.

Mayor Pace then took the opportunity to thank Perry Richardson and his work crew on their help in releasing the large debris from the courtesy dock in order to save the dock from irreparable damage. He also thanked the City maintenance crew for their efforts in getting the veteran banners up in the park in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.

Pace then noted that the Vietnam traveling wall would be coming to the area on July 3rd, 4th, & 5th to the telephone company.

Under streetlights, Pace updated that The Station neighborhood should have lights placed at the intersections within the next 2-3 weeks.

Councilmember Brown asked about when the maintenance department would begin spraying for mosquitoes in the City. Hughes advised that the machine was scheduled to be calibrated on the 16th of June, then spraying could begin.

Councilperson Fackler asked that the sides of both Lafayette Street and Decatur Street be trimmed back.

BUSINESS LICENSE:

B&B Fireworks, located at 2192 Brandenburg Road, for temporary fireworks sales. A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by David Woodward, to approve the license. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Wacky Willy's Fireworks, located at 515 Bypass Road, for temporary fireworks sales. A motion was made by Bruce Fackler, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the license. Vote of motion was unanimous.

Flaherty Chevrolet, applying for an off-site display at the Meade County Fair. A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Donna Brown, to approve the license. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Woodward mentioned that he had recently received Census information at his home address and wanted to advise the public to please fill out all Census surveys, as they help to determine grant eligibility, loans, etc... for the City and other government entities. If people do not respond, it will skew the demographics and doesn't supply accurate information or needs of communities.

Councilmember Brown stated that she has several questions regarding the budget and budget worksheets, including whether a training stipend has been added in for Councilmembers. Her suggestion was at least \$1000.00 per council person annually.

Pace then wanted to congratulate Assistant Public Works Director Jonathan Stull on his new license achievement. As well as he wanted to publicly thank the sewer plant operator Dillan Pike for his training of his fellow employees for the mosquito training and testing, which resulted in all 5 of the individuals passing their tests.

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

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy M. Haynes, City Clerk / Treasurer