

A meeting of the Brandenburg City Council was held September 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm @ Brandenburg City Hall.

PRESENT:

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

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

VISITORS: Gene Webster (WVIH), Joe Hager (Meade Co. Messenger), Brian Chism and Rachel Brown, Amanda Santos, Neal Lyons

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:

Christan Filyaw of 119 Greer Street was awarded Yard of the Month for September 2026.

WELCOME OF NEWEST OFFICER:

Mayor Pace welcomed new officer Milton Santos and gave a brief history of his work and retirement from LMPD. The oath was read by Mayor Pace as Santos was sworn in, his badge was then pinned by his wife Amanda Santos.

GUEST COMMENTS:

Brian Chism stated he was curious to see what the City's security breach was about and asked for more transparency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Bruce Fackler to approve the minutes with a change noted by Councilmember Donna Brown. Vote of motion was unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Bruce Fackler, to enter into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810 SECTION 1 (B) (C), Vote of motion was unanimous.

After returning to the open meeting, a motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to return to the public session of the meeting. Vote of motion was unanimous. Mayor Pace noted that no official action was taken as a result of the closed session.

CITY SECURITY BREACH:

Mayor Pace described the incident and mentioned that as of the date of the Council meeting letters have been mailed to anyone affected telling them how to apply to have their credit watched for one full year. He informed the public that the City was advised by the FBI, Attorney's, and our insurance company, to not release any details of the incident until the issue had been resolved, and those affected received their notifications. He stated that several days consisted of lengthy zoom calls to check in and update on the progress of the investigation. Mayor Pace stated that since the incident,

the City's IT company, DC Plus, had upgraded our equipment and the City has opted to contract with the outside vendor for coverage for another year.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #664:

The ordinance adopting the 2026 Tax Assessment Rates for Real Property, Personal Property for the City of Brandenburg was read aloud by City Clerk Amy Haynes. Haynes gave a brief overview of how the rates are figured through a program provided by the Department of Local Government. Councilman Woodward asked if we had considered leaving the rates the same as the previous year.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #665:

The ordinance adopting the 2027 Motor Vehicle and Watercraft Assessment Rate for the City of Brandenburg was read aloud by City Clerk Haynes.

A special meeting was then called for September 21st @ 5:00pm for the Council to hear the second reading of the tax rate ordinances for vote.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Monthly transfers were read aloud by Clerk Haynes. Fackler asked for an explanation as to why the Operation and Maintenance Account transfer was more than previous months. Haynes noted that due to the implementation and bills for the new United Systems upgrade, and increased costs in supplies, the amount needed to be raised. A motion was made by David Woodward, seconded by Grant Wiles, to approve the transfers as read. Vote of motion was unanimous. Under discussion of bills, Councilperson Brown asked many questions, including one about FLOCK cameras which were answered by Chief Haag as items that were budgeted for the current Fiscal Year. Haag continued to explain how the use of FLOCK cameras helped locate lost / stolen items, missing or runaway individuals, and were not used for spying on the public. Brown then asked for a detailed budget to include line items, and Woodward agreed he would like to see this as well. After questions were answered by Haynes and Haag on more invoices the discussion was closed.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

OFFICE: Amy Haynes, City Clerk, read aloud the monthly office report.

POLICE: Chief Haag reviewed his report stating that for the month of August the department had responded to 674 total calls, with the breakdown as follows: 940-82, 941-68, 942-0, 943-198, 944-104, 945-57, and 948-165. He then updated that with the hiring of Officer Santos, and the arrival of a new officer at the end of September the last positions available would be filled in his department. Haag then commended Sgt. Pace on attending an academy at ECU on police supervision, legalities, team building, etc. Haag then recognized Officer Sawicki for receiving a safety award from the office of the Governor for seatbelt violation tickets.

Haag then updated that his department had recently applied for 2 grants, 1 for body armor and shields, and one for a cell bright system to be used for technology and phone downloads, etc... Haag lastly reminded everyone that the City would be hosting a benefit luncheon for Officer Tim Hendley who has remained off work on Workman's Comp. due to an injury in July of 2025.

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT:

T. J. Hughes presented his monthly report. Hughes also reported that during the month of October his department would be flushing the City's fire hydrants. He stated that they were still spraying for mosquitos once weekly, and that the streetlights had been installed in The Station subdivision. Hughes was asked by Council to look at Walnut Alley, as well as the entrance on Lawrence Street on Donna Drive for possible repairs needed.

BUSINESS LICENSES:

Guero's Salsa Verde, located within city limits. A motion was made by Grant Wiles, seconded by Bruce Fackler to approve the license. Vote of motion was unanimous.

From the Front Porch Southern Boutique, located at 482 C Broadway. A motion was made by Mark Spry, seconded by Rhonda Allen, to approve the license. Vote of motion was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2026-03:

The Resolution was read aloud by Mayor David Pace honoring longtime Meade County Extension Office employee Jennifer Bridge, upon her retirement. A motion was made by Donna Brown, seconded by Mark Spry, to approve the Resolution as read. Vote of motion was unanimous.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Pace noted that the group called "Ohio River Way" had visited Riverfront Park the previous weekend and had many commendations from their leader regarding our park.

Pace also noted that 8 AED units had been leased through CINTAS to ensure that one is located at all City locations, as well as in a few vehicles.

A video was played of the Pumpkin Walk held in 2025, and Pace stated that we are hosting the event again, and that businesses would be able to reserve spaces for pumpkin displays that represented their businesses. Pace stated that an estimated 3500 people visited the event last year and we were hoping for more this year.

Pace then mentioned that the ongoing saga with Maple Grove regarding their dumpsters not being serviced. Through communication with Republic Services and a representative of Maple Grove's rental company, a deal was worked and all of the garbage had been picked up that had accumulated, and the complex is now back on a regular pickup schedule.

Mayor Pace reminded the public that the County had recently closed their burn pad permanently, which meant that the City could no longer provide debris pickup for our residents due to the lack of space to dump them. Pace was told that as of his last talk with County officials, there was no plan to re-open a burn pad at an alternate location.

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

David W. Pace, Mayor

Amy Haynes, City Clerk/ Treasurer