

**City of Brunswick
Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022**

The September 27, 2022 City of Brunswick Mayor and Council Meeting was convened at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Nathan Brown. The following members and staff were present: Nathan Brown, Mayor; Vaughn Ripley, Brian Sandusky, Andy St. John, Chris Vigliotti, Angel White, and Daniel Yochelson, Council Members; David Dunn, City Administrator; Jeremy Mose, Assistant City Administrator of Public Facilities; Carrie Myers, Director of Administration; Kevin Grunwell, Chief of Police; John Gerstner, Director of Public Works; Julie Martorana, EDC & Grants Coordinator; and Carmen Hilton, Main Street Manager.

Mayor's Remarks

- Planning Commission Appointment

Ms. White made a motion to approve appointing Nick Caruso to another term on the Planning Commission. Mr. Sandusky seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Mayor Brown discussed the upcoming Railroad Days festival and community yard sale event.
- Mayor Brown mentioned the recent HAZMAT incident that took place near the train lot.
- Mayor Brown gave an update on the train track blockages. A meeting was held with CSX last week, and staff is trying to arrange an upcoming public meeting with them. They have also made some minor adjustments on their end that they hope will improve the duration of blockages.

Citizens' Forum

- Daniel McBride, 819 East A Street – offers comments in favor of a community center.

Introduction and Adoption of Resolutions and Ordinances

- Ordinance 590 – Ethics Ordinance Revisions

Ms. Myers discussed the proposed changes which were proposed by the City Attorney to comply with State mandates. Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve Ordinance 590. Mr. Yochelson seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Staff Reports

Reports were provided by Ms. Martorana and Ms. Hilton.

Consent Agenda

- Brunswick Crossing Section V – Forest Easement Approval
- Purchase Order Approvals
 - #230087 – AJK Industries LLC – 811 Vehicle Lift - \$63,264
 - #230107 – LB Water – Downtown Service Connection Supplies - \$43,087.40
 - #230112 – Stadler Nurseries – City Landscaping - \$39,848
 - #230094 – Hankeys Radio Inc. – 811 PD Radio Antenna - \$34,730
- Interlocal Agreement – City of Brunswick, City of Frederick, and MD Criminal Intelligence Network. This agreement was for drug enforcement overtime reimbursement.

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

New Business

- Police Department Vehicle Purchase/Agreement

Chief Grunwell discussed this item. The department would like to purchase a vehicle for approximately \$40,000 to be used by the narcotics task force. The US Postal Inspection Service will reimburse the City \$850 monthly for this vehicle.

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve this purchase. Mr. St. John seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Police Department Salary Scale Update

Chief Grunwell discussed the proposed salary scale, which will put the City in a more comparable range to other local law enforcement agencies. The Chief stated Brunswick is currently the lowest paid department in the County and surrounding counties. Enacting the proposed scale and placing current officers in their respective places would be a budgetary impact to the FY23 budget of approximately \$108,000.

Mr. Sandusky made a motion to approve the salary scale. Mr. Vigliotti seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Police Department LEOPS Retirement Discussion

The Council discussed the overall ability of the City to move to the LEOPS retirement system for officers, and the possibility of funding the program long-term. The Mayor suggested reviewing this option further along with the FY24 budgetary process. He stated he would like to see a version of the proposed budget with and without the option of LEOPS, so that he could better understand the overall impact.

- American Legion Deed of Easement – Brunswick Arch Project

Mr. Dunn discussed this item. The deed of easement was needed because the eastern support for the proposed arch rests on American Legion property. In order to erect and maintain the arch perpetually, the City required an easement.

Mr. St. John made a motion to approve the easement. Mr. Sandusky seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- I&I Project Update Presentation

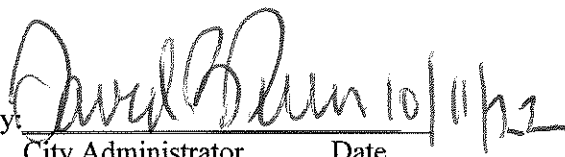
Mr. Mose and Mr. Gerstner presented this item.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by: Carrie Myers

Approved By: 
Mayor Date

Witnessed By:  10/11/21
City Administrator Date