

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council August 20, 2020
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, D. Heuker, Warren, D. Smith, Kubiak, Lutke, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Mike King, Craig Fisher

Absent: Heethuis

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the agenda, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the August 10th minutes, approved 5-0

Treasurer Report: none

Clerk Report: How to bill NMC for their share of the water/sewer bill for the Elm St project? Contact Pete's for more billing details.

Zoning Report: none

Public input: none

DPW Report

- Truck repair was easier than expected
- New mower is being used
- Sidewalks are edged
- Add on for the cement work on sidewalks is \$1500.00 for the sidewalk from M 66 north to the preschool building. Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve additional cost to be paid from Land Development, approved 5-0.
- Trees – 8 trees need removal. Trees are upheaving the sidewalks they are next too, cost for this will be \$10,000.00 to be paid by using the Tree/flower line in the general budget and then the balance from Land Development, approved 5-0.

Old Business- Recycling cost for a 2nd monthly pickup was received and the clerk will pursue recycling reimbursement from the county.

- Recreation Plan will need funds at some point. The Engineers will look at the projects this fall to estimate costs.
- Ordinance updates need to be prioritized
- Request from NMC to use the cross-country course on September 15. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to allow NMC access to the city streets, approved 5-0.

New Business

- Resolution for Street Administrator Change. Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to appoint Mike King, approved 5-0.

Mayor's Report

- Complaints about the trains running late at night. Laws control the train signals there is nothing we can change.
- Assessor Plan is a Backup Plan to use in case our assessor cannot do what we need. We are under no obligation to use them. Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to authorize the Mayor to sign to confirm the county's proposed plan, approved 5-0.
- Vikiing agreed to our offer to pay \$10,000 of the stump removal cost. EGLE will be contacted to investigate the black debris in the air and find out if the stream is protected.
- Drinking Water Revolving Fund- The state has now reduced their share of the cost to 13%, down from 50/50. We can still get 40-year loan with a little bit higher interest than USDA but this is not where we wanted to be. A letter was submitted to the Governor to communicate our dissatisfaction.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Smith reported that the USDA requires our monthly water utility fees to be between \$41.00-47.00 for our water system improvement project grant. We must reach that by the time of closing in March/April of 2021. We also must do monthly billing and establish automatic % increase of fees for each year.
- Lori Warren is on the Website as an administrator.
- Complaints were received about the signs that were in the Municipal Park on Thursday, August 20. There was nothing illegal about this.
- Complaints about a group of trucks have been congregating in the empty lot at the corner of Maple and Pine. Concerns were discussed about reckless behavior; trash being left behind, and it has been reported that persons have climbed on top of the roofs of some businesses. We will place trash cans there for them to use, the Mayor will stop to chat with them and next week a camera will be installed to monitor the corner activity.
- The Category B funding we applied for was not awarded to McBain this year.
- Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting date is September 14, 2020