

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council December 14, 2020
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

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

Absent:

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Smith, supported by Kubiak to approve the agenda, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve the November 19, 2020 minutes, approved 6-0
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to approve the financials, approved 6-0.

Treasurer Report: there was a mistake at the county level with the tax bill mailing so everyone should have received a corrected copy.

Clerk Report: Interlocal Assessor agreement step 2 is approving the services. Council is not comfortable with signing for that contract without more information. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to table this discussion until the January 11, 2021 meeting when we hope to receive more information, approved 6-0.

Zoning Report: concern about camper residents was discussed.

Public input: Dean Smallegan will ask about the interlocal assessor agreement and see if someone can be at our January 11th meeting to answer questions. Heuker asked about the change in the Building Department Inspector office. Local building inspector is not being allowed to do his work for permits and now permits are not being processed in a timely manner. This causes a lot of problems for the local contractors who are waiting for permits to be able to do their work. Not a workable situation.

DPW Report

- Are we going to try to have the ice rink this year? Yes, the DPW will begin work to make that happen.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to lease a mini loader/excavator for 1 year, get bids for the best price, and then re-evaluate to see if it is working well, approved 6-0.

Old Business-none

New Business-

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to approve the December amendments, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve meeting absences for Lutke during January, February and March.

Mayor's Report

- Frye's Gas and Grocery was approved for their liquor license.
- A letter will be sent to residents in January detailing the utility price increase and billing change that goes into effect with the April 1st billing.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Smith thanked the DPW employees for their work on the Christmas Tree, the lights and the new banners. Also, Thanked Danay and the Cornerstone Coffee shop for all the activities they planned for the Tree lighting festivities. It was enjoyed by our community. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to send her a written Thank you, approved 6-0.
- Lutke reported that the Recreation Committee had met with our engineer and received a preliminary drawing of what the City Municipal Park could look like. We will be pursuing grants from the DNR to move this project along.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to move to Closed Session at 8:15 to discuss an attorney memo and an employee related matter, approve by roll call vote, 6-0.
- Rise from Closed Session at 9:04 Regular session resumed at 9:05
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to hire Miller Canfield for our Bond Attorney for the DWRF and USDA, approved by roll call vote, 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to adopt the recommendations of the labor committee concerning employee severance agreement and refer to attorney for final wording, approved by roll call vote, 6-0.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting date is January 11, 2020