

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council February 10, 2020
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, D. Heuker, Warren, Heethuis, D. Smith, M. Smith, H. Heuker and Mike King, Herb Bronkema, Garret Langton, Den Heuker

Absent: Kubiak, Lutke, Barber

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve the agenda, approved 4-0.
- Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to approve the January minutes, approved 4-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to receive financials as presented, approved 4-0.

Treasurer Report: none

Clerk Report: our attorney recommends a FOIA policy update. The March 9 meeting is going to conflict with election setup. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to pursue the FOIA update, approved 4-0.

Public input -Bronkema reported that TIFA is interested in purchasing Lot 2 in the industrial park for a spec building. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to put lot 2 out for Bids with a minimum price of \$10,000 and the right to accept or reject any or all bid, Approved 4-0.

Den Heuker asked about the future use of the north ball fields. The softball association will investigate selling the used fencing.

Zoning Report – none

King DPW Report

- Cleaning out the buildings up at the sewer ponds
- Changing about 3500 feet of road from Local to Major streets
- Camera work on the sewer system is done. Major amounts of grease were found in the pipes and it was traced back to the Autumnwood discharge. A letter will be sent to them along with a copy of the Ordinance violation.
- Lift station in the industrial Park just doesn't have enough flow. King is working on a solution. A request from an area farmer regarding using irrigation water is being researched.
- Mead and Hunt will no longer be doing our Cross-Connection work. King has someone submitting a contract for consideration.
- Replaced a water service line at Maple/Decker corner.
- Grand Traverse Communication has recommended 1st Net for our communication/camera needs for the City. Still working on the fees.

Old Business-

New Business –

- Information letter is ready to be posted on the Web site for our residents.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to appoint Mike Kind as our Street Administrator, approved 4-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to table the Water Ordinance update until the February 20th meeting, approved 4-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to accept the new timecard format and recommend even more information be gathered on the same form, approved 4-0.

Mayor's Report

- The Drain Commission has been working with the Mayor to resolve the issue with the sewer land. The Quit Claim Deed is ready and hopefully this will be signed at the meeting on Feb 19.
- The Labor/Utility committee met and is recommending that we re-post for the DPW position. They did not have a candidate that could meet the qualifications required. Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to repost the position, approved 4-0.
- Clarified what the Employee Handbook states regarding Holiday and OT hours.
- NMC wanted a 2" line to their new building. The Utility Committee and DPW recommend that the city install a water-sewer main from Martin to Jasper along Elm St. The cost for this improvement is about \$80,000.00 and will allow for much better fire protection in that area. NMC will cover the cost of what the 2 "line would cost and the City will cover the rest of the expense. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to accept the recommendation as presented by the Mayor, approved 4-0.
- The Economic Development Committee recommends that the City consider selling the parking lot area located at the corner of Roland and Maple streets with the intention of attracting business and increasing the city revenues. Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to post the lot for bids with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00 with the right to accept or reject any and all bids, approved 4-0.
- Council will be holding its regular meeting on March 9, 2020.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Planning Commission meeting on March 3 will consider the zoning change request for 407 W Maple.
- Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next Meeting will be February 20, 2020