

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council November 19, 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,  
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 Kubiak, supported by Smith to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes, approved 6-0
- No financials

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve the quote from Allpro for a new computer for the Treasurer, approved 6-0. Winter taxes are ready to send. We had 25 delinquent summer tax bills.

**Clerk Report:** The utility account that was ready for shut off will be paid in full tomorrow. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to follow through with the shut off if payment is not received, approved 6-0. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to wait on the transfer from the Water fund to the Debt retirement fund until it is needed, approved 6-0. Discussion on the sewer hay land rent. Lots of difficulties for Veddlers being able to use the land they rented this year. Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis not charge the annual rent payment to them for this year, approved 6-0.

**Zoning Report:** none

**Public input:** none

**DPW Report**

- Purchase price for the truck from the City of Cadillac will be \$13,000.00 and it will be available mid- December. The old truck will be put out for bids. We will need to put hydraulics on the front. Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to put the old truck out for bids with a minimum bid of \$4000.00, approved 6-0.
- Deep wells are done at the sewer pond
- Water – plans are being finalized for the iron removal plant.
- Thank you to Holdships! for providing the wreaths for the City of McBain for the holiday season.
- Discussed a mutual aid agreement between local communities for emergencies only.

**Old Business-none**

**New Business-**Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve the Poverty Guidelines for this year, approved 6-0.

**Mayor's Report**

- Work is progressing on all the preliminary details for the water project. Some of our streets were never plotted or dedicated. We need to get easements in a few places. For every residence we will need a 20-30-foot easement in order to replace service lines or residents may sign a paper absolving the City of responsibility. We have approximately 160 connections to change.
- Camera committee – Mayor Roberts wants to appoint a 6-month committee to research the camera purchase for the City surveillance. Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to appoint the Mayor and Heethuis to serve along with 2 people from the TIFA DDA board, approved 6-0.

**Committee Reports and Recommendations**

- Heethuis commented on the mess around the City and at the dump from Summit Digital equipment that has been left. Wires are hanging and need to be cleaned up. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to send a letter to ask Summit to clean up the identified issues, approved 6-0.
- Smith – Christmas tree lighting is December 12. 36 banners are ordered, 3 each of 12 different designs.
- Heuker – the Labor Committee is recommending that the city not renew or extend Craig Fishers' contract past the end of the year. Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to accept their recommendation to not renew the contract with Craig Fisher, approved by roll call vote 5-1 with Warren casting the dissenting vote.
  
- Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting date is December14, 2020