

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council October 12, 2020
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

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

Absent: Lutke

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Kubiak supported by Heethuis to approve the agenda, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the September 14 minutes, approved 5-0
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the financials, Approved 5-0.

Treasurer Report: Baird, Cotter Bishop is moving some "other function" or "Misc" line items to more descriptive lines.

Clerk Report: amendments will be ready for the November meeting. Overdue/shutoff notices for water service will be sent.

Zoning Report: none

Public input: Bronkema reported that the first layer of asphalt is done at the TIFA building.

DPW Report

- Sidewalk will be repaired by Thursday
- Lift station needs to be upgraded. Cost will be 10,000 to 20,000. More research is being done.
- UCI company bored a hole through an underground rod that was marked.
- After discussion about replacing the oldest plow truck, Heethuis called the question approved 5-0. Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to give the DPW Supervisor permission to watch sites for a replacement plow truck spending up to \$40,000, approved 5-0.
- Christmas decorations- D. Smith will do some research on banners to hang. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to spend the budgeted amount for this year, approved 5-0.
- New bagger/leaf collector was purchased for the JD mower.
- Cottage Grove north of M66 was paved. \$30,000 needs to be moved from Major to Local Street to cover the cost. Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to make the transfer, approved 5-0.

Old Business-none

New Business-Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to set Trick or Treating hours as October 31st from 5:00-8:00pm approved 5-0.

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve election inspectors Marcia Smith, Heidi Heuker, Faye Lutke, and Jennifer Smith for the November 3rd election, approved 5-0.

Mayor's Report

- Motion by Smith, supported by Kubiak to enter a separate contract \$85,000 with Fleis VandenBrink for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Engineering (part of the \$525,000 already budgeted) approved 5-0.
- Mayor Roberts is working on some grant possibilities and money that might be available for Iron filtration plant training for our DPW workers. He is also researching possibilities of extending utilities to the 52-acre lot.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Smith- the utility committee is recommending utility rate increases for the April 2021 billing. We must meet the USDA requirements for our loan/grant for the water system improvement project. We will be **changing to monthly billing** and the MONTHLY rate will be \$45 for water, \$31 for sewer and \$13 for disposal for a monthly total of \$89.00 billed at the beginning of each month and due the 20th of each month. Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to accept this recommendation from the utility committee, approved 5-0.
- Heuker- our part time employee hours will be limited to 20 hours per week and only used as needed.
- Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting date is November 9, 2020