

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council September 13, 2021

held at the council room of the City Office building at 9478 S Morey Rd, McBain MI, at 7:00pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, Heethuis, M. Smith, Kubiak, Lutke, Mike King, Warren, D. Heuker, H. Heuker, D. Smith, Rep from Viking, Rep from Networks Northwest, Faye Walker

Absent: none

Called to Order: by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by D. Smith

- Motion by Smith, supported by Kubiak to approve the amended agenda, added Draw #3 for USDA and Draw #1 for DWRF, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve the August 19 meeting minutes, approved 6-0.

Rob from Networks Northwest presented their proposal for updating the Zoning Ordinances and then working to cross reference them with the Codified Ordinances. Our Zoning Ordinances are very out of date and our Codified Ordinances are rather typical for towns our size. The proposal they presented is recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to approve contract #682 between the City and Networks Northwest, approved 6-0.

Treasurer Report: September 14 is the last day for taxes to be brought to the treasurer.

Clerk Report: Allpro Subscription, 1 year term Service Agreement, Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve the 1-year agreement for service, approved 6-0. **Zoning Report:** none

Public input: Mike Heuker stated that Planning Commission needs access to the building for their meetings

Todd from Viking Energy: Todd is the general manager here in McBain and in Lincoln. He presented 2 requests; They would like to plant trees on the South property line and by DTE. The purpose is to help with noise and dust from their plant and it will be a nice looking barrier. Also, they need access to the back of the property they purchased. Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to allow use of the driveway on Geers road to access their property, approved 6-0. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to allow the berm and trees to be planted on the property line with DPW Supervisor maintaining clearance for the city utilities. Motion amended by Heethuis and supported Kubiak to ask Viking to present the final plan before proceeding with the project, approved 6-0.

Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to amend the agenda once more to add the Financials, approved 6-0.

Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve the financials as presented by the treasurer, approved 6-0.

DPW Report:

- Door locks: The wiring is in place for electronic control of outside door locks. The cost of connecting these is \$3000.00. Lutke stated that we need to wait until the city owns the building.
- Water leak on Cottage Grove has been resolved. The old main was never capped.
- Working on the well house has begun and the iron plant construction will begin on September 20th.
- The garage on the corner of Elm and Pine had mud wash down into it when we had the last 3-inch rainfall. They would like the city to clean that out. Consensus was to have the DPW workers use an hour of time and get it cleaned. **Old Business-** custodial bids, we had one bid turned in for the custodial work at the new office building, Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to hire Gary Bronkema as the Custodian for a 1-year contract, approved 6-0.

New Business: Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to pay USDA draw #3, approved 6-0. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve payment of DWRF draw #1, approved 6-0.

Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the Planning commission recommendation to change the zoning of 9478 S Morey Rd from Industrial classification to Commercial C-2 classification, approved 6-0.

Mayor's Report

- No meeting on September 16.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to set Trick or Treat hours for Saturday October 30 from 5:00 to 8:00pm, approved 6-0.
- School zone change: The School Zone on M66 will be extended to the east to Decker Rd. The turn lane on M66 is expected to be extended to the east driveway of the school parking lot. MDOT has approved both improvements.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Smith - someone is living in a tent behind a house on Hemlock St. Stray cats are a big problem. There is a dog being left outside all day without food and water and barks all day. Concern about the money that the governor is distributing to southern Michigan and are we getting our share. The Mayor is already working with our State and Federal representatives on this matter. Our zoning ordinance addresses the size and type of acceptable housing requirements. Our zoning administrator will address this issue. Also, the lawn at 234 N Pine needs mowing.

Lutke – we have Planning Commission vacancies so if anyone is interested in serving in that way, please contact Mayor Roberts.

Heethuis – the cemetery must be cleaned up by September 15th. Everything not cleared will be discarded. Danay Tossey from Cornerstone Coffey requested permission to hold a large gathering on Sunday, October 3rd. Siting our ordinances application should been made 60 days prior and there is a long list of requirements for mass gatherings. Heethuis will contact Danay with this information.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting is October 11, 2021