

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council May 8, 2023

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, Warren, D. Heuker, Dykhouse, Mike Kubiak, Doug Smith Mike King, Craig Shore, Ken Mlcek, Kimber Westmaas.

Absent: Heidi Heuker

Called to Order: by Mayor Roberts at 7:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Kubiak, supported by Smith to approve the agenda, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Kubiak to approve the meeting minutes, approved 6-0.

Kimber Westmaas, our new assessor, introduced herself and gave an overview of what procedures she will be following.

- Motion by Kubiak, supported by Heuker to receive the financials as presented, approved 6-0.

Treasurer Report: none

Clerk Report: Election went good, city audit is scheduled for the week of June 5th.

Zoning Report: none

Public Comment: Craig Shore Carwash comments were received.

DPW Report: the old plow truck needs to be sold and the old front plow. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to place an ad in the paper for the plow and try to sell the truck online, approved 6-0.

Fertilizer was applied in some areas today.

Old Business: Draw # 22 for USDA project, Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Kubiak to pay the draw amount, approved 6-0.

New Business: Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Kubiak to approve the proposed TIFA DDA budgets, approved 6-0.

Motion by Kubiak, supported by Heuker to approve the budget amendments for year end, approved 6-0.

Mayor Report: Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Heethuis to accept the proposal from Fleis, VandenBrink for the Well Head Protection Plan, approved 6-0.

Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to give Consumers the easement they need to plant 45-foot poles to replace the 40-foot poles that are already in place on Cherry Dr., approved 6-0.

Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to replace the 400 failed valves due to manufacturing defect defeated by roll call vote 1-5 everyone dissenting except Heethuis,

Fleis VandenBrink was present trying to help the council make the best choice to resolve and move forward with this issue.

Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Kubiak to replace the valves and send letters of disappointment to the contractor, subcontractor, and engineers for not accepting responsibility for their part of this problem, approved 6-0.

Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to have our attorney draft the letter of displeasure, approved 6-0.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

Heuker; Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to approve Mike King as DPW supervisor, on call 24/7 to use the city pickup to drive back and forth for work and call ins, approved 6-0.

Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to approve refund to National Energy for overpayment of sewer usage fees, approved 6-0.

Dykhouse; informed council that the meetings are beginning to establish a Fire Authority to replace the McBain Community Fire agreement, it will be a process and take time to complete.

Heethuis; no one is using the sewer land. After discussion decision was made to have the most recent renter reseed the area to hay and be able to harvest for the next 2 years if they are agreeable.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting is June 12, 2023