

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council August 23, 2018  
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, D. Heuker (7:10pm), Kubiak, Lutke, Warren, D. Smith, Heethuis, M. Smith, Heidi Heuker, Craig Fisher, Mike King, John Sych from Networks Northwest, Scott Hunter

Absent:

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Doug Smith

- **Motion** by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve the amended agenda, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve the July minutes as amended, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to receive financials as presented, approved 5-0.
- Clerk will add a technology expense line to the water and sewer budgets.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to accept the audit report as presented by Scott Hunter and Thank Baird, Cotter, Bishop for the work they do for the City of McBain, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to approve the request from Josephine DeYoung's family to split the 1¼ lot that she owned on Martin St. into 1 lot and ¼ of a lot, approved 5-0 with Lutke abstaining.

#### Public input

##### Fisher/King DPW Report

- Bids from Reith/Riley, Elmers for street work were received, Bid for improvement to ice rink was received, Tree Bid was received from Schuts Buckets.
- As part of our Local Emergency Plan in the event of an emergency our council members are to be trained in the 100 and 700 level classes of Homeland Security.
- Dale Brinks did a survey of Cherry Street with the drone for documenting condition before being used for a detour route.
- King reported that we could use plastic and lexall caulk to seal the ice rink for a year at a much reduced cost. Motion by Lutke to approve this expenditure died for lack of support. Heethuis, Smith and Roberts will attend the TIFA meeting Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> to present proposals for projects including the ice rink, sewer, drain for water tower and the Master Plan completion.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to accept Schut Buckets bid for tree work in the city and in the cemetery, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to accept Elmers BID for street improvements fitting within the Major and local street budgets, approved 6-0.

#### Old Business

##### New Business

- **John Sych** from Networks Northwest presented a proposal to finish up the Master Plan. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to accept proposal for the Master Plan completion and to pursue financial help from DDA/TIFA, approved 6-0.
- DNR Trust fund for community recreation plans was discussed and further research will be done.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to pass the resolution expressing to the Michigan Legislature our strong opposition to House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to grant permission to Consumers to remove the streetlight in question in the Biewer yard at no cost to the city, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to convene a Public Hearing concerning the approval of Industrial Facilities Tax exemption certificate for Biewer Sawmill on September 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at the meeting room of the Fire Station, approved 6-0.

##### Mayor report-

- Professional Services Agreement for having Fleis/VandenBrink do a water review for the City has been received. Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to approve the service agreement for this work, approved 6-0.
- Fire Charges Ordinance was introduced and will be considered at the October regular meeting of the council.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to approve purchase of door hangers for notification purposes of zoning violations, approved 6-0.
- Gas Station update- there is no start date at this point.
- Current occupant of the TIFA Action Tool building has been given until this month to purchase or other options will be pursued.

##### Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Heethuis read a letter received from a concerned lot owner regarding the cemetery. Also, received comment about indigent burials.
- Labor committee- Sue Heuker is no longer able to take care of the flowers. Thank you Sue for a job well done!
- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to post for the job opening immediately. 10 hours/week @ \$10.00/hour for the period of time from date of hire to October 31, 2018. Posted until the position is filled, approved 6-0.

- Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to expand Westdorp's hours to cover the flower care until the other position is filled.

Adjourned at 9:45pm by Mayor Roberts.

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk