

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council July 13, 2020
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

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

Absent: none

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 Smith, supported by Heuker to approve the June 18 minutes, approved 6-0
- Motion by Smith, supported by Heuker to accept the financials as presented, approved 6-0.

Treasurer Report: taxes have been mailed

Clerk Report: Thank you to Heuker Construction for building the plexi glass protectors for election day. Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the election inspectors for August 4, 2020, Marcia Smith, Heidi Heuker, Lori Warren, and Faye Lutke approved 6-0. Cares Act allowed clerks to purchase some protection equipment for election day. An order was submitted but there is no delivery date. A comment was received about marijuana growing in a resident back yard. Council affirmed that this needs to be out of sight and in a locked enclosure.

Zoning Report: none

Public input: none

DPW Report

- King introduced Bruce Aittema as our 3rd full time employee. He comes with a lot of experience and full licenses for water and sewer maintenance.
- Thank you to Lori Warren for helping keep the flowers clean and ready for the July 4th weekend.
- Elmers are scheduling the Grace St paving for the Labor Day weekend so it has time to cool before heavy trucks travel on it.
- King will do a sidewalk and tree inventory. Some edging work needs to be done on the sidewalks.

Old Business- Powerline request was presented to Consumers and a different plan has been made. The City will have to approve easement when the work proceeds.

New Business

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to table the Recycling Millage until the August meeting, approved 6-0.
- Bronkema gave the council the recommendation form TIFA DDA that the contract with Summit Digital be terminated and we retrieve our equipment for their office. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to support the TIFA DDA recommendation and move from our current system to the updated system, approved 6-0.

Mayor's Report

- The July 23rd meeting will be cancelled.
- Curt VanderWal will be at the Municipal Park on July 20, 2020 from 1:00 to 2:00
- Fleis VandenBrink proposal for meeting the requirements for our Discharge permit compliance was presented and discussed, Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to authorize the mayor to sign the proposal for the work that needs to be done to satisfy the beginning EGLE requirements of this project, approved 6-0.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Heuker reported that the big farm tankers were running down Decker Rd. He talked with them and they stopped but we need to get weight restrictions in our Ordinances for our city streets.
- Heuker asked about the transition committee for the fire authority. October is the next meeting of the current Fire Board. Riverside Township has made appointments so far. We still need appointments from Richland Township. Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve Don Heuker and Mike Kubiak to be representatives from the City of McBain for the transition committee, approved 6-0.
- Heethuis noted that the council meeting is a public meeting and masks should be worn.
- Cemetery cleanup is looking great. All artificial flowers and decorations must be removed by September 15 of each year.
- Lutke reported on the Recreation Plan grant progress. Priorities need to be established for the next step. We will be recruiting volunteers for this committee if anyone would like to serve please let someone on the council know.
- Ordinance update also needs to have the priorities stated in order to move forward. Consensus was to begin with the general ordinances. Planning Commission meets on August 3, 2020
- Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting date is August 10, 2020