

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council June 20, 2019
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

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

Absent: none

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve the agenda, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve the June 10, 2019 minutes, approved 6-0.

Treasurer Report: tax bills are ready to send

Clerk Report: estimate received from Allegra for letterhead and envelopes with our new logo. Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve the quote and get the letterhead and envelopes printed, approved 6-0.

Public input – None

Fisher/King DPW Report

- Standing water in places has made mowing difficult or impossible.
- Irrigation pump from the wastewater plant has been replaced.
- Met with Den Heuker to discuss water runoff from the cemetery hill and ditch. Changes to the ditch shouldn't affect their property.
- Ditches on Decker Rd may need excavating.

Old Business-applications for the Zoning Administrator position were reviewed by the Labor Committee and interviews were conducted. The Labor committee has recommended that the council hire Chase Barber for a 6-month trial period. He has worked with the zoning officer in Evert and comes with good references. Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve the recommendation from the Labor Committee and hire Chase Barber as Zoning Administrator for 20 hours a month for a 6-month period and then review the position, approved 6-0.

New Business

Mayor's Report

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to authorize the Mayor to pursue the forest management of the 80 acres with Biewer Sawmill based on the submitted contract with them, Heuker amended to add a 1-year time period and Smith supported, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to approve a survey of the 80 acres by LCM, corners will be marked, boundaries will be flagged every 200-300 feet for a cost of \$1900.00, approved 6-0.
- USDA – Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will be signing application paperwork on 6/21/2019 to see what we are eligible for in terms of loans for our water improvements.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to write a letter of support for Frye's Gas and Grocery application for a Resort SDD License with Sunday Sales (PM), approved 6-0.
- Met with Den at the softball fields, recommends removing fencing and bleachers from the north field and remove poles from the bathrooms north to decrease trimming labor. Fencing may be re used on the north boundary. There is a 6-8-month window for well permits out of the Cadillac office.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Heuker/Heethuis – labor committee has met regarding concerns with concerns with the DPW Superintendent's job performance. Concerns were shared and examples given including the Superintendent's most recent evaluation. Committee recommends that a greatly reduced work schedule as well as job assignment change be made immediately, and this situation be reevaluated prior to December 31, 2019. Committee also recommends that the am and pm work breaks be taken at the DPW Office and Council provide a coffee pot and refrigerator.

DPW Superintendent responded to concerns and answered questions from Council Members.

Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith that effective immediately we make Mike King the Superintendent of the DPW and Craig Fisher the Deputy Superintendent, and before the next meeting the Labor Committee will meet with King and Fisher and will work out the pay and working condition details, approved 6-0.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

