

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council March 13, 2017  
held at the meeting room of the fire barn, 7:00 pm

Present: Dykhouse, D. Heuker, Kubiak, Heethuis, DeBoer, D. Smith, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Fisher, King, Doug DeYoung (Consumers rep) several NMC students, Steve Reedy

Absent: D. Lutke

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Mayor Dykhouse

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve February minutes, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Smith, supported by DeBoer to approve February financials, approved 5-0.

**Public Input-**

- Mayor welcomed the NMC students.
- Steve Reedy had meter questions and Jay DeBoer will send information to him from the utility committee.
- Doug DeYoung - Consumers has a presentation to explain capabilities now and in the future. We will be scheduling a special meeting with DDA/TIFA so everyone can hear the information.

**Fisher/King DPW Report-**

- Water service leaks have been repaired.
- Water quality is improving
- Voltage issues at the new well are being addressed.

**Old Business-**

- Heethuis is meeting with Dale Mosher to establish an agreement regarding land splits for the City.
- Planning Commission needs more members. Council was encouraged to talk to residents and find people willing to serve.

**New Business**

- **BIDS** for portables were opened. Motion by Heuker, supported by DeBoer to contact both businesses to follow up with questions from the council. Approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to adopt the Ordinance # 03132017 in regards to the Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to approve the information letter to residents. It will be posted on the website. Approved 5-0. (paper copies are available upon request from the City Clerk)
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to approve the Budget for 2017/2018 fiscal year, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to prepare a specs list for replacing the roof of the DPW building and advertise for a "BID for Labor" and a "BID for Materials", approved 5-0.
- DDA owns the parking lot by Kelley's and the parking lot on the South end of Mainstreet and has offered ownership to the City. Motion by Heuker, supported by DeBoer to accept their offer, approved 5-0.

**Committee Reports and Recommendations**

- Finance Committee – is working with DPW to replace or fix the leaf wagon, more information is being gathered.
- Also, the Finance Committee has decided it would be in the city's best interest to start looking for a good used utility truck instead of repairing the 17 year old truck we have.
- Labor Committee - Seasonal help, Motion by DeBoer, supported by Smith to advertise for seasonal help to mow, weed whip, and misc. not to exceed 20 hours/week. Application deadline will be March 31<sup>st</sup>. Approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to enter closed session at 8:25pm, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to rise from closed session at 8:45pm, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak to negotiate the Bid for the 4.35 acres with the changes discussed; keeping the \$5000.00 earnest money, allowing the non-compete clause, duration decreased to 12 months from 24, and allowing 180 days to finalize, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to have our attorney respond to the American Structures letter agreeing to disagree, approved 5-0.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 8:50 pm.

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk