

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council May 24, 2018  
held at the meeting room of the fire barn, 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, D. Heuker, Heethuis, D. Smith, Kubiak, Lutke, Warren, M Smith, Herb Bronkema, Craig Fisher, Mike King, Phil DeKraker, Diane Hoffman, Shawn from Biewer, Fleis and Vanden Brink (Dave Johnson and John DeVol), Prein-Newhof (Connie Houk)

Absent: Heidi Heuker

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Doug Smith

- **Motion** by Heuker, supported by Smith to approve the amended agenda, approved 6-0.
- **Minutes:** Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve the April minutes as amended, approved 6-0.
- **Financials:** Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve the April financials as presented, approved 6-0.
- **Treasurer Report-** none
- **Motion** by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to approve the TIFA DDA budgets as presented, approved 6-0.
- **Clerk Report-** 1) check from sale of 4.35 acres will be deposited in the Land Development fund, 2) Audit begins May 29<sup>th</sup>, 3) PA 152 Opt Out 4) our auditors have asked for most recent minutes showing approval of current salaries for Mayor-\$3000.00, Clerk- \$18,054.00, and Treasurer- \$12,975.36. Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve these salaries as current and accurate, approved 6-0.

**Public input**

- Diane Hoffman introduced herself as one of the candidates for the judge race in August.
- Shawn from Biewer Sawmill- Biewer wants to extend their gate on the West side of their property to the west of TJ's trucking property, approximately 365 feet. They would like to obtain the deed for the road to allow them to install a gate shutting the road off and allowing for safe travel to and from the two yards (their current yard and TJ's yard (recently purchased by Biewer)
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to give the deed for the road to Biewer. Heethuis amended the motion to selling the deed for \$1.00 and Biewer pays all of the transfer fees, supported by Heuker. It was approved 4-3 roll call vote with Heuker, Lutke and Smith dissenting. The dissenting votes were for discussion purposes only.
- Fleis -VandenBrink introduced their company and their strengths in engineering for small and mid size communities.
- Prein-Newhof introduced their company and their strengths in engineering for small and mid size communities.
- Challenger Automation -Phil DeKraker apologized and wanted to make amends for the way his company handled the telemetry contract with the city. The council thanked him for coming but the council has moved ahead with a new firm.
- Todd and Lori Warren have asked for a zoning variance for their property at the corner of Martin and Cemetery St. They have already received Planning Commission approval for having a 5 foot instead of a 10 foot boundary setback because of where the street is placed in the right of way. **Motion** by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to accept the planning commission recommendation to change the boundary setback for the lots on Martin St., approved 5-0 with Warren abstaining.

**Fisher/King DPW Report**

- John from Michigan Rural Water answered questions about our water situation.
- One bid was received for building a Flushing Drain basin up at the water tower from Pete's Contracting for about \$24,000. It was received for information at this time.
- A free estimate was received for the County Barn Roof. Received for information
- DPW would like to purchase a 200 lb commercial electric fertilizer spreader so we can use bulk fertilizer.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Lutke to purchase the fertilizer in bulk and purchase the spreader not to exceed \$1300.00, approved 6-0.
- Grid Bee Solar Bee- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to pay the 3year Upfront One Time Cost of \$7695 for their service program, approved 6-0.

**Old Business-**

- Cemetery map project is close to finish
- UTV bids for City seasonal work were opened and the lowest bid came from Ina Store. Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to accept the Ina Store Bid, approved 6-0.
- Carwash letter- council goes on record as receiving the letter and any contact made by Mr. Shore or his attorneys with our DPW needs to be brought back to council.

**New Business** -McBain Days planning is progressing nicely.

**Mayor report-**

- Gas Station update: The state is putting the cleanup project out for Bids on 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June. Resolution for the detour has no dates included.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to table the resolution until June at our regular meeting to try to get dates for the detour, approved 6-0.

### **Committee Reports and Recommendations**

- Lutke- Krista Gallup has expressed interest in serving on the Planning Commission but lives just outside the city limits. Motion by Smith, supported by Lutke to send the request to attorney to see if its permissible, approved 6-0.
- Warren-Thank you to Biewer Sawmill for supporting McBain Heritage Days!
- EDC will be meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> with the Planning Commission to get results of the survey
- EDC met on May 14<sup>th</sup> to research the softball association lease.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to have an attorney look over the lease with the softball association to see what options we have going forward, approved 5-1 with Lutke casting the dissenting vote.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak at 9:45 to move to Closed Session for consideration of litigation issues, possible sale or purchase of land and employee compensation, approved by roll call vote 6-0.
- Mayor declared Closed Session over at 10:20.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to Opt Out of PA 152 for this fiscal year, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Smith, supported by Kubiak to sign the agreement to pay American Structures \$3000.00 to finish our dealing s with them, approved 6-0.

Adjourned at 10:35 by Mayor Roberts

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk