

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council September 9, 2019
held at the meeting room of the fire station, 7:00 pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, D. Heuker, Warren, Kubiak, Heethuis, Lutke, D. Smith, M. Smith, Mike King, Craig Fisher, Chase Barber, H. Heuker, Herb Bronkema, Clark Dykhouse, Attorney DenHouten

Absent: none

Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Smith

- Motion by Smith, supported by Heethuis to approve the agenda, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the August 12 and August 29, 2019 minutes, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve the financials as presented, approved 6-0.

Treasurer Report: taxes are coming in. Researching a resolution for fee schedule for requested information.

Clerk Report: nothing

Public input – DenHouten discussed possibility of having liaison officers in both McBain schools, crime statistics in McBain, Marijuans laws.

Zoning Report- Barber reported he has contacted the RR to cleanup the junk along the tracks, the City should consider a clutter ordinance.

King DPW Report

- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to accept the lower BID to do the catch basin and manhole repairs and get the work done, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Lutke to purchase the crane from Geers for \$2000.00 approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to set aside provision in the financial guidelines and allow DPW to put the old crane out locally to sell, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to authorize the DPW to remove 2 trees in front of the Holdship funeral home, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Lutke to hire one of the DPW employees from Marion who has worked with the Silversmith program for 100 hours to get our Silversmith program going and train Morris and then re-evaluate, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to authorize the DPW to install the sewer infrastructure for the new build on Martin St. This would be paid for by the property owner with the option of the same payment plan as the other property owners had access to when the sewer infrastructure was first installed. Approved by roll call vote 4-1 with Heethuis casting the dissenting vote and Warren abstaining.

Old Business-open bids for the roofing project at the sewer pond building. We received one bid from BG Building.

Motion by Smith, supported by Lutke to accept the bid from BG Building for labor to complete the project, approved 6-0.

Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak that the council go on record to establish the 3rd weekend in July for the McBain Heritage Days, approved 6-0.

New Business – none

Mayor's Report

- USDA needed Conflict of Interest wording for our application.
- Meeting in Lansing on Tuesday
- Sidewalks need attention. DPW will give estimates at the October meeting.
- City Hall discussion – Bronkema and Dykhouse from the TIFA board attended to explain they are looking for plans to use the TIFA building in the industrial park for possible city offices, city meeting room and a large meeting room. They would need to change the zoning from industrial to commercial which needs to be done anyway because of the low ceilings it doesn't lend itself to industrial use. Any changes to the Covenants and restrictions need to have sign off by each industrial park entity. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Kubiak that the City council is on board with TIFA exploring possibilities and concepts, approved 6-0.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

- Lutke utility committee – waive part of the fines and penalties for the Carwash because of cooperation with DPW in trying to remedy the problem, Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to accept the recommendation and forward the letter to Mr. Shore with full payment expected by September 30,2019, approved 6-0.
- Planning Commission is working on the Recreation Plan with 1st draft expected at the November meeting.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

Marcia Smith,

McBain City Clerk

Next meeting is September 19,2019