

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council September 12, 2016  
held at the meeting room of the fire barn, 7:00pm

Present: Dykhouse, D. Heuker, Kubiak, Heethuis, DeBoer, Lutke, D. Smith, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Bob and Sue Jones, Fisher, Mike King, Scott Hunter, Tom Vine, Cadillac News, Clayton Gilde, 2 community reps

Absent: none

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Mayor Dykhouse

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to approve August regular and special meeting minutes (with correction), approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to approve August financials, approved 6-0.

Public Input

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to accept the annual Audit Report from BCB as presented by Scott Hunter also expressed thanks to BCB for their support throughout the year, approved 6-0.
- Tom Vine expressed concern about the easement request from Consumers on the RR spur because it gives the utility the right to interrupt service with no penalty and no requirement to restore within a timeline, Mayor will follow up on this.
- Clayton Gilde, vice chair of the TIFA/DDA is working to digitize records/ information being gathered from Michigan Enterprises in order for the City to have the historic information. This will be forwarded to the EDC Chair.

**Fisher DPW Report-**

- Water samples have been submitted for the new well. Investigating wire size and amperage usage issues in order to resolve them.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak for the DPW and utility committee to meet and discuss and decide on resolution for the wire and amp issues, approved 6-0.
- Request for 1 more day a week for Randy Bogard to work this fall was referred to Labor/Finance Comm for a recommendation.
- Mike will receive a date on Thursday for the final attachments to be removed from utility poles. Pole removal will begin soon.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to refer issues about the roof on the county barn on Cottage Grove to the Finance Committee for consideration, approved 6-0.
- Mayor will check on getting the trailer removed from Kelley's parking lot.

**Jones Report-** report received. Lutke expressed appreciation to Bob Jones for his efforts in helping make the transition a smooth one for the new and different relationship between Michigan Enterprises and the City. Mayor Dykhouse also expressed appreciation for Michigan Enterprises' working relationship with the City of McBain over the years.

**New Business**

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to keep the date the same for the City Wide Garage Sales and only post advertisement on the city web site, approved 4-2 with Smith and Heuker casting the dissenting votes.

**Committee Reports**

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to adopt and send the Community Survey using the utility mailing list and also making it available for pick up at various locations, approved 6-0.
- Utility Committee report was received with 8 proposals:
  - #1 Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to approve the amended REU schedule, approved 6-0.
  - #2 Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to approve updated rates for 11 accounts, approved 6-0.
  - #3&4 Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to approve the clerk verifying student counts and bed counts each October, and the DPW will read the existing water meter at Autumnwood each month for 3 months for usage data, approved 6-0.
  - #5 Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith that the Zoning Admin and Planning Comm will notify the utility comm. of any zoning permit changes so that the REU assignment can be kept current, approved 6-0.
  - #6 & 7 Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith that the new REU rate for water services will be \$63 per quarter effective January 1, 2017, approved 6-0.
  - #8 Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to transfer \$21,637.55 from the Sewer account to the Water Bond repayment fund to cover the sewer share ( 55%) of the upgrades to the telemetry system components , approved 6-0.
    - Sewer rates and meter recommendations will be available next month
    - The City of McBain should be in compliance with the new State of Michigan requirements with these changes.

**Rounds**

- Smith asked if the City of McBain has any city celebration traditions for the holidays.
- Heuker reported that the labor committee has interviewed Patrick McClure for the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator. Patrick has experience with the City of Ewart police department. He has requested that he be allowed concealed carry as he is fully licensed and permitted to do so by the State of Michigan.

Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to hire Patrick McClure for this position at a pay rate of \$30/hour not to exceed 10 hours a month and investigate what effect the concealed carry would have on our city's liability insurance, approved 6-0.

Motion by Heuker, supported by Kubiak to enter Closed Session to discuss salary compensation, approved 6-0.

Closed Session begins 9:15pm

Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to rise from closed session, approved 6-0.

Regular session resumes 9:30

Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to get an attorney opinion on impact of the new Federal Wage and Hour Scale on our DPW Supervisor position, approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 9:35pm.

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk