

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council November 13, 2023

held at the council room of the City Office building at 9478 S Morey Rd, McBain MI, at 7:00pm

Present: Mayor Roberts, Heethuis, M. Smith, Warren, D. Heuker, M King, Dykhouse, group of NMC students

Absent: Mike Kubiak, H Heuker

Called to Order: by Mayor Roberts at 7:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Heethuis

- Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Heuker to approve the agenda, approved 4-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Dykhouse to approve the meeting minutes from October 9 and 17, 2023, approved 4-0.
- Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Heuker to receive the financials as presented, approved 4-0.

Treasurer Report: none

Clerk Report: Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to approve the joint operation of the early voting precinct at the county level, approved 4-0.

Zoning Report: received from Eric Grace. No one had questions.

Public Comment: none

DPW Report: Gary Bronkema worked his last day for the season. Thank you, Gary.

The orange truck was sold at auction for \$5100.00.

Thirty-three houses are left for new valve replacement.

Wednesday, November 22 will be the last day of leaf pickup for this fall.

Tuesday, November 21 will be the work bee for Christmas Decorations. Contact Mike King if you would like to help.

Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Heethuis to enter an agreement with Ellen's Equipment to rent the Payloader for snow plowing again this year, approved 4-0.

Old Business: none

New Business: Recreational Vehicle Ordinance- the planning commission has recommended a new ordinance regarding storage of recreational vehicles. Motion by Heuker, supported by Heethuis to adopt the ordinance as written, approved 4-0. It will go into effect on December 3, 2023.

Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Heethuis to approve the budget amendments as presented, approved 4-0.

Doug Smith submitted his official resignation from the city council on October 16th. Motion by Dykhouse, supported by Heethuis to accept Doug's resignation with regret, approved 4-0. The mayor has spoken with Darrell Kuiper and Darrell has agreed to serve. Motion by Warren, supported by Dykhouse to support this appointment to fill the vacancy, approved 4-0.

Mayor Report: We received a report from our attorney regarding the restatement and updating of our ordinances. His opinion is that the ordinances are set up for a large city and are not helpful for a city the size of McBain. He recommends that we re-examine them and get them tailored to our city's needs. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to follow through by going back to Networks Northwest and authorize the mayor to ask them to re-state the ordinances in a way that will be helpful and enforceable in our small town, approved 4-0.

The water tower pre bid meeting will be on November 14. Bid opening will be December 5, 2023, at 2:00pm at city hall.

The approved amounts of the water tower money were placed in CDs to earn interest until they are needed.

Category B funding was received for work on Roland and Cottage Grove Streets. We will combine this work with the alley improvements to be done in the spring.

Parks/MEDC – Bids were opened last week and were double the available budget. Work is being done to reconsider and trim the scope of the project. We are waiting for answers from MEDC.

Committee Reports and Recommendations:

Dykhouse- the Fire Board is working on the organization of the Fire Authority. They will be needing the price of the building soon.

Mayor Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk

Next meeting is December 11, 2023