

Minutes  
City of Mc Bain Planning Commission  
January 3, 2022

**Present:** Mike Heuker-Chair; Joey Roberts-Mayor; Phil Beerens; Krista Gallop; Donna Lutke-Council Rep; Chris Petrimoulx. **Absent:** None. **Guests:** Zach Vega-Networks Northwest; Mike King-DPW Superintendent.

**Call to Order:** Chair called the meeting to order at the City Hall Council Meeting Room at 7:02 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Petrimoulx, supported by Gallop to approve Agenda as presented. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Heuker, supported by Gallop to approve Minutes of December 6, 2021 as presented. Carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Zach Vega from Networks Northwest Community Planning was present to begin our process of reviewing and updating our Ordinances. Each member was provided with a copy of the contract between the City of McBain and Networks Northwest, which included the entire Scope and Projection of work for this 12-15 month process. Additionally, Commission members received a copy of the current topical discussion list, and reminded that the State of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act of 2016 would also be used in our review/update, as well as the 2019 Approved City of Mc Bain Master Plan, which can be found in pdf form on the City's website.

Our discussion began with the current topical list and was centered on "what is not working well". Zach pointed out that their desire in working with us is to gain our input and provide us with "best practices" and suggestions of solutions being used by current communities dealing with these same challenges. It was stressed that much clarification can be made through extensive definitions within the ordinances.

**Process:** Discussion concerning informing the public of the review/update process took place, and it was decided by consensus that a public invitation will be placed on the City's website, as well as working with the City Clerk in having the announcement be included in any all-city publications as possible. Meeting agenda's will also include an item for "Public Comment".

Networks Northwest will make every effort to have material for the Commission to review at least one week prior to each meeting.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Lutke, supported by Beerens to adjourn meeting. Chair adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Lutke, Recorder