

Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
Minutes

Mayor McKean-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in council chambers along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger and according to the posted notice.

In attendance from the City; Gwen Maller, John Crider, Kurt Dailey, Gary Nussbaum and Chief Tim Taylor. Others in attendance, Clint Anderson, Berne Witness.

Mayor McKean called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

Approval of Minutes On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes from December 10, 2018 were unanimously approved.

Super Tax Abatement Scoring Session for FCC-Adams City Attorney Dave Baumgartner reviewed the applications and the scoring sheets for real property and personal property from FCC-Adams. Those scoring the applications were the Board of Works and Gwen Maller, clerk treasurer. The scoring is based on information provided by FCC-Adams on their expansion project. The Council passed Declaratory Resolutions for both real and personal property at their January 14, 2019 council meeting.

After scoring the real property application, FCC-Adams earned a score of 77 points. To qualify for a super tax abatement, the threshold was 70 points or over. Ron Dull made a motion to approve the score of 77 points and the ten year phase in tax abatement on real property for FCC-Adams. Curtis made the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dave reviewed the score sheet for FCC-Adams personal property. The committee scored the sheet for a total of 81 points which is over the threshold for a ten year tax abatement. Mayor McKean made a motion to approve the scoring of 81 points and a ten year phase in tax abatement for FCC-Adams for personal property. Ron made the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Street Department- Sidewalk Repair Street Superintendent Gary Nussbaum reviewed a proposal he received from Precision Concrete Cutting. In explaining the work, Gary stated that Precision Concrete Cutting has given a number of demonstrations at Road School and Street Commissioners conferences on how they repair trip hazards on sidewalks at a reasonable cost. Mayor McKean stated that the company had given a demonstration some time ago on a sidewalk outside the city building and he said he was impressed with the result. Gary had the company come to Berne and assess and mark the downtown areas where offsets pose a trip hazard and would benefit from the process. The board reviewed the list of five areas at a cost of \$12,739.00. Ron made a motion to proceed with the sidewalk repair as listed in the proposal at a cost of \$ 12,739.00 Curtis made the second and the motion was unanimously approved. After making the motion, Ron asked Gwen where the funding would come from, she will check but probably out of CREDIT money.

Sale of Used Vehicles Chief Taylor advised the board that with the two new police cars ready to go on the road, there are two vehicles that they do not need. The city plans to take ownership of the police department's 2010 SUV and offer for sale the 2002 Ford Explorer, which has been used by the Mayor

and employees when going out of town for meetings or conferences or when one of the trucks is being serviced. Ron made a motion that because the 2002 Ford Explorer and the 2010 Dodge Charger are no longer needed, Attorney Baumgartner is to prepare a notice to advertise for the sale of both vehicles to the highest reasonable bidders. Curtis made the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Awarding of the Main Street Water Main Extension John Crider, Water Department Supervisor, explained that the extension project will be a loop from Berne Street to Main Street, cross under Main Street looping to the new addition at Eastview apartment complex. John said this will increase the water pressure and also provide better fire protection for that area.

The sealed bids were opened as advertised at 1:00 pm on December 11, 2018 in the council room. Fleming Excavating, Decatur Indiana was the lowest bidder of those submitting sealed bids for the project.

The bid was also below the engineering estimates. The sealed bids were opened and read aloud on December 11, 2018 in the city council room as advertised. Commonwealth Engineering reviewed all of the bids and recommended that the Board of Public Works and Safety award the bid for the Main Street water main extension to Fleming Excavating, who submitted the lowest bid. Curtis made a motion to approve awarding the Main Street Water main extension project to Fleming Excavating per their bid of \$149,083.90. Ron made the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Notice to Proceed: On a motion by Curtis and a second by Ron, the board unanimously approved having Mayor McKean sign the Notice to Proceed for the Main Street water main extension project.

Other Ron asked about the status of the sidewalk program. Ron said that there is a property in the area that he walks that would benefit from a new sidewalk. Gary said there is money in the budget. Becky confirmed that there are not many on the list and it would be a good time to sign up, but the property owner has to sign up to be placed on the list.

With nothing further to discuss and on a motion by Ron and a second by Curtis the meeting was adjourned.