

October 11, 2016

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Councilmen Gregg Sprunger, Curtis Wurster, and Ron Dull were present, along with Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller. Councilmen Phil Provost and Mark Wynn were not present.

Councilman Gregg Sprunger opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Mayor McKean gave the invocation.

Mr. Ronnie Martin, Lions Club consultant, and Mr. Earl Yoder, Lions Club member, were present to inform the Council that the Lions Club International is looking to start a club in the Berne area and they are looking for 20 members to get started. The Lions Club International has over 1.4 million volunteers in 210 countries. They are a community service minded organization, helping with vision screening in the schools; raising matching grant money for things in the community like playground equipment, or helping out people in need. Unlike Lions Clubs in the past, most meetings will be held online, which will allow those members with very busy schedules to still participate in the organization. Mayor McKean thanked the Lions Club members for coming to the meeting.

Minutes

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting were approved with a vote of three (3) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Claims

On a motion by Gregg Sprunger and a second by Ron Dull, the claims were approved for payment with a vote of three (3) yeas and zero (0) nays.

Ordinance #682 – Water Utility Ordinance

Ordinance #682 was presented to Council for final approval. This ordinance amends and restates chapter 53 of the Berne City Code, including provisions regarding the use of and services rendered by the waterworks system of the City of Berne. Ron Dull made a motion to approve Ordinance #682 on its final reading. Curtis Wurster made the second, and the motion was approved on a vote of three (3) yeas and zero (0) nays.

2017 Budget Adoption

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller presented Ordinance #684, which sets out the final adoption of the 2017 budget. The ordinance provides for the total sum of \$2,501,928 for all Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) reviewed funds and \$118,000 for home-ruled funds which consist of the LOIT Public Safety fund. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to adopt the 2017 budget on Ordinance #684. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was passed unanimously with three (3) yeas and zero (0) nays.

2017 City of Berne Holiday Schedule

Mayor McKean submitted the proposed 2017 Holiday schedule to the Council for their consideration. He is recommending adding Presidents Day in February to the list of office closings. This would bring the total holidays to 13 days. He stated that we try and follow the County schedule and they have 14 days in addition to two extra closures for primary and election days in an election year. Discussion was held and Ron Dull asked that the council be provided with information on how many holidays the surrounding cities have so they can compare. Gwen Maller stated that she would get the information, but to keep in mind every city does things differently and they may have other time off and employee incentives that can't be compared.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Dave Baumgartner informed the Council that he is working on updating the golf cart ordinance for review by the Board of Public Works and Safety before being sent to Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean stated that trick or treat night will be Thursday, October 27, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. There will be policemen patrolling the City for the children’s safety.

Gregg Sprunger asked if there was going to be a Halloween Parade this year. Ron Dull stated that he didn’t think so, since there wasn’t a county election this year, but he would confirm that with Carol Tonak and Andy Lehman and let the Mayor know tomorrow.

Mayor McKean asked the Council if they wanted to consider changing the time of the Council meetings before the schedule is set for next year. It was brought up to start earlier.

Liter Concrete is repairing the needed areas of the city’s concrete streets.

Councilmen Comments

Councilman Curtis Wurster informed the Council that the 7th annual Lehman Park Harvest Fall Festival was held on October 2nd and they had a beautiful day for it and the turnout was great. Receipts for the day totaled of \$7,772.00 and expenses \$2,071.00 making a net profit of \$5,701.00. Curtis publicly thanked his board members who work hard to make this a success. He thanked all the volunteers, and people who supported this event with donations.

Councilman Ron Dull thanked Curtis Wurster and the Park Board for all the work they did for the Fall Festival and to keep it continuing.

There being no other business to come before the Council and upon a motion duly made to adjourn by Ron Dull and seconded by Gregg Sprunger, adjournment followed.

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer