

October 22, 2018

The Common Council Met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Councilmen Gregg Sprunger, Curtis Wurster, Ron Dull, Mark Wynn and Philip Provost were present, along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller.

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

Minutes

On a motion by Phil Provost and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the claims were unanimously approved for payment.

Public Hearing

The regular council meeting was recessed for a public hearing to hear public comment on the proposed voluntary annexation of a portion of Parr Road. This hearing was duly advertised in the newspaper.

Attorney Dave Baumgartner stated that when a portion of Parr Road was recently reconstructed beginning at the intersection CR 000 and Parr Road heading west for .39 miles, the County owned a portion along the North side of the road. They contributed \$ 66,592.68 towards the reconstruction project with the understanding that the City of Berne would then take total ownership of Parr Road. The ordinance that the Council will be considering tonight is for the annexation of this portion of Parr Road.

There being no questions or comments raised from the public, the public hearing was closed and the regular council meeting was reconvened.

Ordinance 712: An ordinance annexing contiguous Real Estate into the City of Berne.

Ordinance #712 was presented to Council for their consideration. This ordinance annexes a portion of real estate, the North Side of East Parr Road for a distance of .39 miles more or less, into the City of Berne. Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #712 by short title. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to waive the rules and regulations in order to pass an ordinance on the night that it was introduced. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Mark Wynn made a motion to pass Ordinance #712 on its final reading. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

2019 Budget Adoption

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller presented Ordinance # 711, which sets out the final adoption of the 2018 budget. The ordinance provides for the total sum of \$2,885,950 (net of property tax caps) for all Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) reviewed funds and \$267,000 for home-ruled funds which consist of the LOIT Public Safety fund and the Law Enforcement Continuing Ed Fund. Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #711 establishing the 2019 Budget for the City of Berne. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Phil Provost made a motion to waive the rules and regulations in order to pass an ordinance on the night that it was introduced. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #711 on its final reading. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting Update

Mayor McKean asked the Council if they had any questions concerning the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting minutes that were in the Council packets. There were no questions or comments.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported that leaf pickup is going well.

Councilman Comments

Ron Dull thanked Shannon Smitley, Becky Sprunger and the Mayor for providing the stormwater minutes for this year. He asked if the owners of the old elementary school property have responded about paying the difference for a 15 inch vs. and 18-inch stormwater line that will be part of the Center Street project. The upsize in the pipe size would drain most if not all of the old school property and if property owners chose to pay the added cost, it would be a great benefit for them. Dave Baumgartner stated that he had talked to one of the property owners and they were favorable to the idea but needed to know actual dollar amounts. Shannon Smitley, Stormwater Superintendent, reported that Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineers, took the bids with him and Shannon is waiting to hear back from Ben to confirm the cost of the 18 inch upsized pipe so he can take that to the owners of the property next week for their consideration.

Ron also asked about specifics on the Poplar Street storm water project. Shannon Smitley stated that Paul Norr, Adams County Drainage Board surveyor, had informed Shannon a while ago that the drainage board would like to cost share in a project in the Sprunger Ditch watershed. Shannon stated that the Poplar Street area was chosen as there is often standing water after a moderate rainfall. Shannon said that the Poplar Street project includes a manhole installed at the corner of Popular and U.S. Highway 27, boring under US Highway 27 to connect to the South Trunk Line and upsizing the 8 inch tile that is there to a 24-inch pipe. This would help drain the Yager property if it was ever developed.

There being no other business to come before the Council and upon a motion duly made to adjourn by Phil Provost and seconded by Curtis Wurster, adjournment followed.

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer