

October 23, 2017

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 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 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 Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. John August, Director of Adams County Emergency Management Agency came before Council to inform them that the Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation plan needs to be adopted. The plan needs to be revised and adopted every 5 years to be eligible for FEMA grants. The County hired Christopher Burk Engineering to work on the plan and then had officials from Adams County, including the Berne Police Chief Tim Taylor, Fire Chief John Crider, Work Force Manager Kurt Dailey and Mayor McKean review it and make recommendations. The plan was submitted to FEMA for review and they recommended three minor changes which have been made. Mr. August stated that it is important to get the plan approved as quickly as possible because the City of Decatur and the Adams County Hospital have applied for a grant to help with the cost of demolition of the hospital's assisted living building. The assisted living facility is going to be relocated across the road on the Adams Woodcrest campus due to flooding issues at the current location. Adams Memorial Hospital will donate the vacated land to the City of Decatur for a green space. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to approve Resolution #2017-10-1 that adopts the Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan revision as presented. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. The resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF BERNE,
INDIANA**

SHORT TITLE: Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Berne adopting the Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan revision

Whereas, The Multi-Hazard Mitigation Committee of Adams County, Indiana (“Committee”) was there for formed, consisting of elected and appointed officials or representatives of Adams County, the City of Decatur, the City of Berne, the Town of Monroe and the Town of Geneva, as assisted by Christopher B. Burke Engineering Ltd.; and

Whereas, the present Committee met for the purpose of revising the 2011 Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (“Plan”), which was adopted by the City of Berne by Resolution 2011 -11-18 and

Whereas, the Plan recommends various courses of actions and activities designed to protect the public health and to protect the safety of the people and property within Adams County Indiana, the City of Decatur and Berne, and the Towns of Monroe and Geneva, in the event of one or more natural hazards

Whereas, the City of Berne is a voluntary participant in the national flood insurance program which recognizes the need for the Plan;

Whereas, the Committee has recommended that Adams County and its Cities and Towns adopt the revised Plan as an official plan of each such governmental unit;

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the common Council of the City of Berne, Indiana, as follows:

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this resolution is to adopt the revised Adams County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan of the City of Berne, Indiana.
2. **Declaration.** The common Council of the City of Berne, Indiana, hereby approves and adopts the Adams County multi-hazard mitigation plan as the multi-hazard plan of the City of Berne, Indiana which plan shall be kept on file in the office of the Clerk-Treasurer and Building and Planning Department of the City of Berne Indiana in which plan shall be implemented as necessary to protect the public health and safety of persons and property as effective or potentially affected by one or more natural hazards.
3. **Effective date.** The resolution shall be effective upon its adoption by common Council, approved by the mayor of Berne, Indiana and publications as may be required by law.

2018 Budget Adoption

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller presented Ordinance #697, which sets out the final adoption of the 2018 budget. The ordinance provides for the total sum of \$2,801,302 (net of property tax caps) for all Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) reviewed funds and \$142,820 for home-ruled funds which consist of the LOIT Public Safety fund and the Law Enforcement Continuing Ed Fund. Curtis Wurster made a motion to adopt the 2018 budget on Ordinance #697. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was passed unanimously.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Baumgartner reported that he has the new nuisance ordinance ready for the Board of Works to review and he is hopeful that it can be passed in the November 27th council meeting. He stated that this ordinance is more comprehensive and includes all the existing nuisance ordinances in one place.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported that he had visited all seven businesses whose names will be on the wayfinding sign at the U.S. 27 and Parr road intersection. He stated that all of them were very happy about the sign. One suggestion was that they should be listed alphabetical order.

Mayor McKean reported that the grass on the old Dunbar lot has been mowed for the first time and is looking pretty good.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer