

November 13, 2018

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 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 Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Katrina Armenta in place of 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 Ron Dull and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes from the October 22, 2018 Council meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

On a motion by Gregg Sprunger and a second by Curt Wurster, the claims were unanimously approved for payment.

Discussion of traffic flow in alley west of the Post Office.

Mayor McKean said he was asked by Pastor Chris Kruchkow from Cross Community Church if the City would consider turning the alley between the Post Office and Elegance on Main to a two-way alley. The alley is currently one way only going north because the Post Office had their drop boxes there, which they have since relocated to the alley heading west off of Sprunger Street. Mayor McKean reported he has discussed this with Berne Police Chief Taylor from the perspective of public safety and as the owner of Elegance on Main. Chief stated that he did not see a problem with turning the alley from a one way to two way traffic. Dave will prepare an Ordinance based on the consensus from the council discussion tonight.

Plan Commission Update

Gregg Sprunger updated council of the Plan Commission hearing that was held as advertised prior to the Council Meeting. The Development Plan filed by Brayden Liechty for the construction of a funeral home was approved. The funeral home will be built on land Mr. Liechty purchased on Heritage Trail and is between the First Bank of Berne's bank and their operations center. All city departments had signed off on the plans as well as Commonwealth Engineering, City of Berne Engineers. Once construction begins, the project should be completed in 4-6 months, weather permitting.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean informed Council that the Governor of Indiana will be coming to City Hall Friday, November 16th at 2:30 P.M. to present checks to the City of Berne and those cities in the surrounding area that there were recently awarded funding for streets as part of the Community Crossing Grant program. Mayor McKean is pleased that Berne received \$289,659.92.

Mayor reported the leaf vac route is going well and the guys have had to put in some long days since the city building was closed Monday in observance of Veterans Day,

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer