

November 26, 2018

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, November 26, 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 Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Ordinance 713 Regulation of Traffic in the City of Berne

Ordinance #713 was brought to the Council for consideration. This ordinance provides for the regulation of traffic within the City of Berne Indiana by amending Chapter 73, schedule IV, of the Berne City Code by the deletion of a one-way alley. The alley is located between Main Street and the first alley North of Main Street and runs North and South between Sprunger Street and Baltimore. It was designated a one-way alley going North by Ordinance #141 passed on 1/23/1967. This ordinance will delete it off the list of one-way alleys and it shall be considered a two-way alley with the passage and publication of this ordinance. Ron Dull made a motion to introduce by short title Ordinance #713. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to waive and suspend the rules and procedures to adopt an ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Phil Provost made the second and the motion passed unanimously. Ron Dull made a motion to adopt Ordinance #713 on its final reading. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

2019 Holiday Schedule

Mayor McKean submitted the 2019 Holiday schedule to the Council for their consideration. It is as follows:

2019 Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY	DAY	DATE
President's Day	Monday	02/18/19
Good Friday	Friday	04/19/19
Memorial Day	Monday	05/27/19
Independence Day	Thursday	07/04/19
Labor Day	Monday	09/02/19
Columbus Day	Monday	10/14/19
Veterans Day	Monday	11/11/19
Thanksgiving	Thursday	11/28/19
Thanksgiving	Friday	11/29/19
Christmas Eve	Tuesday	12/24/19
Christmas Day	Wednesday	12/25/19
New Year's Eve	Tuesday	12/31/19
New Year's Day	Wednesday	01/01/20

Ron Dull made a motion to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

2019 Council Meeting Schedule

Gregg Sprunger made a motion to hold the regular council meetings each month on the second and fourth Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City

Hall. With Memorial Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day falling on a regular council meeting night, the regular council meetings will be moved to Tuesday night of those weeks. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments

Gwen Maller informed the Council that the City had received the 1782 notice from the Department of Local Government Finance and that the proposed budget was totally funded. She stated that the actual assessed valuation came in at \$117,761,141 and the total tax rate was \$1.2179. She also noted that the City was under its working maximum tax levy by \$29.00.

She informed the Council that there was a meeting today with INDOT in reference to the Community Crossings Matching grant. She stated that because the city successfully submitted 13 applications, there will have to be 13 grant contracts. Bid opening for the street projects is December 10, 2018.

Mayor Comments

The Mayor stated that the street department is doing a fantastic job picking up the leaves. There is only this week and next remaining.

Mayor McKean stated that the governor visited Berne last Friday, to present Berne and surrounding communities and counties with the Community Crossing matching grant awards.

Councilmen Comments

Ron Dull asked about future street projects including the widening Village Way from Parkway Street to C.R. 700 S. He wanted to know if there would be a problem at the intersection as the County is planning on widening 700 S. from U.S. 27 to that intersection. Mayor McKean said that once the engineering is completed, he would not anticipate a problem.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer