

November 28, 2016

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, November 28, 2016 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 November 14, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Claims**

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

### **Annual Bids**

The annual bids for gasoline, diesel fuel, paving, stone and concrete work were opened at the Board of Public Works meeting on November 16, 2016. Only one bidder for each category of products was received. They are as follows: US Aggregates submitted a bid for various stone products; Liter Concrete submitted a bid for various concrete curbs sidewalks driveway, ADA corners and repairs; Harvest Land submitted bids for gasoline and diesel fuel; and Brooks Construction submitted bids for asphalt, Hot and Cold mix and equipment rental. The itemized bids, as submitted, are on file in the Clerk-Treasurers office. The Board of Works recommended to Council that they accept all bids that were received. Mark Wynn made a motion to approve the Board of Works recommendation to accept bids for 2017 from US Aggregates, Liter Concrete, Harvest Land, and Brooks Construction. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

### **Clerk-Treasurer Comments**

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller stated that per the Anti-Nepotism Ordinance # 629, each elected officer of the city is required to annually certify in writing that he or she ~~the officer~~ have not violated the ordinance. Once signed, the certifications are to be submitted to the Mayor no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The certifications were handed out at this meeting and each officer signed their certification and returned them to the Mayor.

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor McKean read the following proclamation and asked that it be made part of the public records:

## **State of Indiana City of Berne**

### **PROCLAMATION**

#### **To All To Whom These Presents May Come, Greetings:**

WHEREAS, Sunday, December 11, 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of the day President James Madison signed the act admitting Indiana as the 19th state of the Union; and

WHEREAS, on the occasion of Indiana's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, we honor the culmination of the Bicentennial year in Indiana- a year of celebrating history, nature, and community and igniting the future for generations to follow; and

WHEREAS, we take this opportunity today to recognize the many community leaders and volunteers who played vital roles in creating the legacies of this year that we will long treasure and the stories that will be told for years to come, and

WHEREAS, one year ago we celebrated the promise of the Bicentennial year for residents and visitors, today we pause to remember the Hoosier values and pride we

saw on display, and make a promise to continue in the spirit of the Bicentennial and create a brighter future for our children;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, William F. McKean, Mayor of Berne do hereby proclaim  
December 11, 2016 as

**Indiana Statehood Day and Bicentennial**

and invite all citizens to note this occasion.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of office. Proclaimed at the City of Berne Indiana this 11th day of December, 2016 on the 200th anniversary of Indiana Statehood and in the 240th year of the Independence of the United States of America.

BY THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Councilmen Comments**

Ron Dull informed the Council that several items were discussed at the Board of Works, including the Redevelopment Committee plans to bring excess dirt from the waste water treatment plant to be spread on the old Dunbar property. About 6" of dirt will be put on top of the stone and grass will be sowed in the spring of 2017. Hopefully this will keep the weeds down and make the property more appealing.

Mark Wynn asked about the issue of a driver's license requirement for operating golf carts. He stated that he felt that the requirement was more to keep young kids from driving golf carts as opposed to keeping older people from driving that no longer have a valid driver's license. Dave Baumgartner said it comes down to what the City believes is a safety issue. The concern is that if a motorist cannot obtain a valid driver's license, is it safe for them and or the public to operate something that goes 30 mph on city streets? Dave also stated that sometimes families are relieved if their older family member can no longer drive. Mayor McKean stated that it is better to err on the side of safety. Mark said that the gentleman in question stated that having a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart is not a state requirement and unlike Berne, the Town of Geneva and the County do not have that requirement. Phil Provost stated that he looks at the situation as what does more to protect the residents of Berne, instead of taking away one person's right. No official action was taken.

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

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William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer