

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
M December 20, 2017 8:00 am
Minutes**

Mayor McKean-Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

Ron Dull- Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in a public meeting on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 8:00 am in council chambers along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger according to the posted notice.

Guests in attendance were Berne residents; Linda Balsiger, 650 E Franklin Street and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howe, 641 E Franklin Street, Frank Murphy-AEP project engineer for the Decatur-Berne telecom project; Allison Gray- AEP project engineer for Adams-Berne-Portland telecom project; Terry Daugherty- ORC Utility & Infrastructure Land Services, LLC , permit agent for both projects.

Others in attendance from the city; Kurt Dailey and Shannon Smitley.

Mayor McKean called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of November 15, 2017 and December 11, 2017 were unanimously approved as written.

Right -of -Way Request: Frank Murphy, Allison Gray and Terry Daugherty brought their request for right-of-way along the US 27 north corridor. AEP is planning on stringing new cables overhead on existing AEP poles, they will not add poles, only replace those poles that are in poor condition. The only location that will need underground cables would be on property that AEP owns on Center Street. The upgrade is being undertaken from Berne -Monroe-Decatur to reduce the potential for wide spread outages between relay stations. This project will also allow AEP to isolate and repair any problems in a more timely manner. The representatives said they anticipate work will start in March-April with a completion date of October or later.

Once the work is started, Terry Daugherty stated that any construction zone traffic control, barricades etc. that are needed will be contracted by them to AWP as part of the project.

On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Ron Dull the board unanimously approved the request of right-of-way as presented at the meeting this morning.

Board Review of Ordinance 697 Dave updated the board on some of the changes to the draft of Ordinance 697 as it pertains to public nuisances. The board reviewed by line the changes, and also made several changes to the ordinance. Dave reported that he will make these changes, send a copy back to the Board of Works and then have a final draft ready for the Council to review at

their January 8th meeting. Dave would like the Council to introduce the ordinance on the 8th noting that changes can still be made once introduced with the goal to pass the final version at the January 22nd council meeting. Dave added that the goal is to have a clear, well thought out ordinance that will stand up in court if challenged.

2018 Shred Day Mayor McKean asked the board if they would be in favor of the city hosting another shred day like the one the city hosted in 2016. The cost of that shred day was \$450.00. The board by consensus felt that a shred day is a great service to our citizens.

Other Ron Dull mentioned that the stop sign on Heritage Trail as you approach US 27 is loose and only being held on by one rusty bolt. Since this exits on to US 27, it is the responsibility of the INDOT to repair as the city cannot do that. Kurt Daley will contact the proper department with INDOT and report the situation.

Shannon Smitley said that the Post Office contacted him and would like to move their letter drop box from the west side of the alley as they feel the current location is dangerous. In speaking with the post office, Shannon said he recommended moving the box on to their own property parallel to the east-west alley using Sprunger Street for the entrance. Dave advised that there would need to be an ordinance then come back to the Board of Works before moving on the Council. Ron Dull made a motion instructing City Attorney Baumgartner to prepare an ordinance for the new placement of the mailbox as described. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Board Comments Mayor McKean wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.

With nothing further to discuss and on a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Ron Dull, the meeting was adjourned.