

February 26, 2018

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, February 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 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 Ron Dull and a second by Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the February 12, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

On a motion by Phil Provost and a second by Mark Wynn, the claims were unanimously approved for payment.

GoToKiosk Presentation

Mr. Floyd Liechty, representing Berne Chamber of Commerce and Berne CDC, introduced Mr. Ben Snider, GoToKiosk representative. Mr. Snider informed the Council about his company's kiosk product. He stated that the machine was designed in Berne by Blake Genth, is fabricated in Bluffton, powder coated in Decatur and assembled in Monroe. The software, TowneScope, was developed in Monroe. He stated that the unit has a 43" screen that is very interactive and is also ADA accessible. The software could be updated from a computer at home or work. It could have maps, a history page and any other information that the user would like. There would be a \$200 a month technology fee. The Chamber has offered to manage the software and to also sell advertising to help defray some of the technology fees. The Berne CDC stated that they would provide a place at the plaza and also provide the necessary WIFI. In addition to a \$1,000.00 discount, if ordered by March 1st, GoToKiosk would include the custom mobile app at **no charge**, which is normally a \$10,000 upgrade. Mr. Snider stated that the kiosk and mobile app would be helpful to visitors and residents alike. GoToKiosk will be taking this unit to a trade show in March, and because of that, can offer the unit at the reduced rate after the show has concluded. However, a decision has to be made to purchase before March 1st. **Mark Wynn expressed his concern about who would have control of content and that the program needs to promote all local businesses and not be just a way to sell advertising.**

The Chamber of Commerce and the Berne CDC have approved their equal share of the kiosk. Tonight the CDC and Chamber are asking that the City participate with a third of the cost which would make the city share approximately \$4,000. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to use CEDIT funds to pay the City's share of the kiosk project as presented. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance #702

Ordinance #702 was presented for Council consideration. This ordinance establishes the City of Berne Code of Ethics. After reviewing the ordinance, the Council directed Attorney Baumgartner to delete one paragraph. He will make the change and send out an updated copy. Noting the exception, Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #702 by short title. Phil Provost made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance #703

Ordinance #703 was presented for Council consideration. This ordinance establishes a Local Road and Bridge matching grant fund as prescribed by the State Board of Accounts. The City will transfer their 25% local match for the Community Crossings grant into this fund. Curtis Wurster made a motion to introduce Ordinance #703 by short title. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously

passed. Phil Provost made a motion to waive and suspend the rules and procedures in order to adopt an ordinance at the meeting it was introduced. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was passed unanimously. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #703. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Dave Baumgartner stated that he has sent the interlocal agreement for Parr Road to Mark Burry, Adams County Attorney for his review.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported that City employees worked on a large water leak/suck hole in an alley on East Main street. Because of the size of the suck hole, Mike Dubach, Dubach Excavation, was contacted for the repair.

Because the council meeting of March 26, 2018 is during South Adams spring break, Mayor McKean polled the council members if they were planning to attend to assure there will be a quorum. Two Councilmen and the Clerk-Treasurer will be absent. The Mayor stated that the meeting will be held since there will be a quorum.

Mayor McKean informed the Council that Ben Adams from Commonwealth Engineering will be at the March 12th meeting to give an update on the Long-Term Control Plan.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer