

March 25, 2019

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Councilmen Gregg Sprunger, Curtis Wurster and Mark Wynn were present, along with Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Utility Billing Clerk Katie Armenta who is filling in for Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller. Councilmen Philip Provost and Ron Dull were not present.

Councilman Gregg Sprunger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor McKean gave the invocation.

### **Minutes**

On a motion by Gregg Sprunger and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Claims**

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

### **Key Fastener CF-1 Applications**

John Johnston, Key Fasteners Executive Vice-President, submitted 3 CF-1 forms for Council approval. He stated business has been challenging this year because their supplier of steel went out of business and they had to scramble to find a new supplier that would meet Honda's strict specifications. In addition, because steel is their largest expense, the new steel tariffs have also made it a challenge to keep costs in line, with Honda agreeing to reimburse them for the higher cost of steel. Mr. Johnston said some of the main goals have been to keep good paying jobs in Berne and to retain the level of the workforce. Mark Wynn made a motion to approve the annual CF-1 forms and find Key Fasteners in substantial compliance and have Mayor McKean sign the CF-1 forms. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. John Johnston told Council he appreciated everything the City of Berne has done to support and help local manufacturers. The mayor then thanked John and Key Fasteners for being a large contributor to the local economy.

### **Request by the Fire Department to Receive Bids for a New Tanker**

Prior to the Council meeting, City of Berne Fire Chief John Crider came before the Board of Public Works and Safety in a public meeting with a request to receive bids for a new tanker. The Board unanimously approved that the request go before Council for their approval. At the council meeting John stated that the tanker they currently have is due for replacement and is 24+ years old. John stated the cost could be anywhere from \$ 250,000- \$ 350,000 and with increased pumping capacity, could also be used to fight fires. The plan is to trade in the old tanker to help offset the cost. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to advertise for bids for a new tanker. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

### **Attorney Comments**

None

### **Clerk Treasurer Comments**

None

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor McKean said that he is happy we are almost thru the winter and praised the City workers on doing a great job this winter with all of its challenges.

### **Council Comments**- None

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

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William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer