

April 8, 2019

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019 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 Gregg Sprunger and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes of the March 25, 2019 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 CF-1 Approval Smith Brothers of Berne**

Mr. Dave Burson and Mr. Ben Snowden, Smith Brothers of Berne representatives, submitted six CF-1 forms for Council approval. Mr. Burson stated that in the last 10 years Smith Brothers has grown from 240 to 524 employees and increased their payroll from 8.7 million to 24.45 million dollars. They have increased their furniture production from 55,000 pieces annually to 105,000 pieces in 2018. They have a 289% increase in Adams County payroll taxes. Mr. Burson stated that they appreciate all that the City has done for them. Ron Dull made a motion to find Smith Brothers of Berne in substantial compliance for all six of their CF-1s and have Mayor McKean sign the CF-1 forms. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

### **Annual CF-1 Approval MAFCO/Poseidon**

Ms. Joyce Smith, Poseidon representative, submitted six CF-1 forms for Council approval. Ms. Smith stated that business has been very good and they have orders for barges through December and have sold all the barges they normally use as rentals. They are working on starting a fully staffed third shift. The corporate offices and production are all now located in Berne. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to find MAFCO Leasing and Poseidon Barge in substantial compliance for all six of their CF-1s and to have Mayor McKean sign their forms. Phil Provost made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

### **Annual CF-1 Approval First Bank of Berne**

Mr. Kevin Gould, CFO with the First Bank of Berne, came before council to renew their C-F1 for real property at their operations center. Mr. Gould reported that they added a few employees to the payroll in 2018 and have expanded the parking lot and one-way road to help employee traffic flow. Mayor McKean thanked Mr. Gould and the First Bank of Berne for building and keeping their operations center in Berne. Phil Provost made a motion to find the First Bank of Berne in substantial compliance and have Mayor McKean sign the document. Curtis Wurster made the second, and the motion was unanimously passed.

### **Annual CF-1 Approval Sherrell Industries**

Mr. Ricky Sherrell and Ms. Samantha Sherrell, representatives of Sherrell Industries, came before Council to renew their C-F1 for real property at 917 Liechty Road.

When Sherrell Industries purchased and rehabilitated the building to bring it up to conditions/standards necessary, it was with the understanding that Indiana Coatings would begin production in January 2016. Sherrell Industries was to begin production with a separate but compatible line with 20 employees at a later date. Indiana Coatings shut down their operation and are no longer in the area. This left Sherrell Industries with a building but no vehicle for their production operation. It also left them with obsolete painting equipment and supplies, which they were not allowed to

move due to creditors filing a lien against Indiana Coatings. They were also fined \$94,000.00 by IDEM for several containers of paint left at the site which were not theirs. They are in the process now of removing the obsolete equipment; fixing the plumbing; repairing the roof; and painting in the hopes of making the building more attractive to prospective tenants. Discussion was held, and while Sherrell Industries did not meet the employee estimates on their original application, they did meet the estimate of investing \$1,850,000 in the building. Since the CF-1 that they are filing is for the Real Property, they have met the original estimate as submitted on the SB-1. Ron Dull made a motion to find Sherrill Industries in substantial compliance and have Mayor McKean sign the CF-1 form. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion carried on a vote of three (3) yeas and two (2) nay votes cast by Mark Wynn and Phil Provost.

**Revised Purchase Approval for the 2019 Fire Tanker**

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller, who was not present at the last meeting, reported that when she read the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting, she realized that the motion that was made to advertise for bids for the 2019 fire tanker was incorrect. She stated that the Fire Chief’s presentation to the council did not fully explain that the purchase of the fire tanker will be through Sourcewell, which is a government cooperative purchasing agency located in Minnesota. They serve more than 50,000 government, education, and nonprofit members by providing cost-effective access to high quality goods and services through volume pricing. Sourcewell will do all of the administrative work such as advertise for bids, receive and review bids and award bids. Hoosier Fire Equipment is the vendor that was awarded a four-year contract with them for being the low bidder on fire equipment. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to rescind the motion that was made at the March 25, 2019 meeting to advertise for bids for a new tanker. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to purchase a 2019 fire tanker through Sourcewell, the cooperative purchasing agency. Phil Provost made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

**Clerk-Treasurer Comments**

Gwen Maller stated that according to I.C. code 36-7-14-13 version b section a, “not later than April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, the redevelopment commissioners or their designees shall file with the unit’s executive and fiscal body a report setting out their activities during the preceding calendar year”. Gwen Maller presented the report for 2018 as follows:

- Commissioners:  
 Randy Beer, President  
 Marc Graber, Vice-President  
 Nancy Scott, Secretary  
 Gwen Maller, Treasurer  
 Matt Lehman, Member

Employees  
 None

Expenditures

Supplies	\$ 0
Contract Services	24,462.42
Professional Services	0
Interfund Transfers	0
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,462.42

Revenue Received

Property Tax Received	\$ 713,347.58
Misc.	0
Interest	20,453.98
Total Revenue	\$ 733,801.56

Tax Revenue Fund Balance as of December 31, 2018 \$ 1,682,597.20

Outstanding Obligations Payable from the TIF District:  
 Redevelopment Dist. Taxable Revenue Bonds of 2017

Amount Outstanding as of December 31, 2018: \$ 3,000,000.00  
Amount Paid in 2018: \$ 0

Gwen Maller asked if anyone had any questions about the 2019 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial statements that were included in the Council packets. There were no questions or comments from the council.

**Mayor Comments**

Mayor McKean informed the Council that the recycle business that had set the blue recycle box for e-waste at the City garage, has removed it due to it being abused. Mayor McKean stated that the City will not accept any electronics, T.V.s or computers. He also informed the Council that the dumpsters on the East side of the City Garage were overflowing from the weekend. He stated that the tape from the surveillance camera will be reviewed and that some fines need to be levied. The Council all agreed with him.

Mayor McKean had Fire Chief Crider inform the Council about the upcoming Pancake Breakfast on Saturday April 13, 2019 from 5:30 – 10:00 a.m. Donations from this event helps purchase equipment for the firemen.

**Councilmen Comments**

Councilman Phil Provost requested that a “Children at Play” sign be put up in the Center Street/Gaye Drive area. He said that the neighborhood has a lot of children and motorists need to slow down. Mayor McKean stated that the request would go to the Board of Works.

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

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William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer