

May 22, 2017

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in 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 May 8, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Ordinance 690

Ms. Denise Barkdull of Frost, Brown and Todd and Mr. Steve Carter of Carter, Dillion and Umbaugh, came before Council to inform them about Smith Brothers of Berne's plans for an expansion project in the TIF area. This project includes a 92,500-sq. ft. building with an estimated 47 new employees and an increase of \$1.833 million in Smith Brother's payroll. If Council approves the plan, the City of Berne will issue the Bonds. The Berne Redevelopment Development Commission met on May 8, 2017 in an advertised public hearing and pledged by resolution the increase in TIF tax increments from the new addition to pay for the bonds. The bond issue will be for three million dollars and is not to exceed seventeen years in length. The real property taxes (for the new building only) that Smith Brothers will pay will be used to pay the bonds and any balance remaining at the end of the bond period will be forgiven. This is basically a 15-year tax abatement for Smith Brothers with the City being used as a pass thru entity. Should the council approve Ordinance No. 690 for the issuance of the bonds, the City of Berne will neither make money nor will it cost the City any money.

Gregg Sprunger made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 690 by short title. This ordinance authorizes the City of Berne to issue its economic development revenue bonds of 2017 (Smith Brothers project) and approving other actions in respect thereto. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Ordinance No. 690 will be on the next agenda for final Council consideration.

Connect to Careers Resolution

Attorney Stacy Somers, Connect to Careers Board member, and Mr. Trevor Hobbs, Adams County Economic Development Director, came before Council to inform them that a portion of their respective boards duties relating to local workforce development in the county overlap. With the departure of the director of the Connect

to Careers, the ACEDC board approved assuming the duties of workforce development. Connect to Careers would like to reallocate some of the funding they receive to the ACEDC for the performance and development of these duties. Since Berne had previously committed funds and still has one more year in a three-year commitment to Connect to Careers, in full disclosure, they wanted Berne to be aware of the reallocation and seek their approval with the passage of Resolution 2017-5-3.

Ron Dull made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-5-3 approving the reallocation of funds committed to Connect to Careers. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. The Resolution is as follows:

**COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BERNE
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REALLOCATION
OF FUNDS COMMITTED TO CONNECT TO CAREERS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-5-3

WHEREAS, the City of Berne has committed to partially fund Connect to Careers, Inc., an Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation, for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 for purposes of enhancing and developing the local workforce (“Committed Funds”); and

WHEREAS, there remains one (1) year of payments that total Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$8,000.00) of the Committed Funds that are to be paid by the City of Berne to Connect to Careers, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berne has committed to partially fund the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, an Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation, for purposes of enhancing and promoting economic development throughout Adams County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for Connect to Careers, Inc. is appreciative of the previously received Committed Funds from the City of Berne for purposes of enhancing and developing the local workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Adams County Economic Development Corporation and Connect to Careers, Inc. believe that a portion of their respective purposes (i.e., local workforce development) are common to both organizations and desire to temporarily consolidate their efforts into the Adams County Economic Development Corporation for purposes of funding, personnel and management; and

WHEREAS, Connect to Careers, Inc., in the spirit of full disclosure to the City of Berne, desires to reallocate a portion of the Committed Funds to supplement the Adams County Economic Development Corporation in order to perform local workforce enhancement and development; and

WHEREAS, Connect to Careers, Inc., by reallocating a portion of the Committed Funds to the Adams County Economic Development Corporation, does not seek to supplant any current funding the City of Berne has committed to the Adams County Economic Development Corporation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Berne approves Connect to Careers, Inc. reallocating a portion of the Committed Funds to supplement the Adams County Economic Development Corporation for the purpose of performing workforce development within and throughout Adams County, Indiana.

ADOPTED, by the Common Council of the City of Berne, State of Indiana, this 22nd day of May 2017, at 8:00 PM by a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERNE, STATE OF INDIANA

Curtis L. Wurster, Councilman District 1
Gregg A. Sprunger, Councilman District 2
Mark Wynn, Councilman District 3
Ron Dull, Councilman District 4
Phil Provost, Councilman At-Large

Mayor William F. McKean

ATTESTED TO: Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer

Annual Township Fire Contracts

The 2018 Township Fire Contracts were presented for Council approval. Monroe, Wabash, Hartford, Jefferson, French and Blue Creek townships contract with the City of Berne for their fire protection. The proposed increase of 3% would take the totals from \$57,495.95 to \$59,220.83. The Board of Public Works and Safety approved the increase at their last meeting on May 17, 2017. Ron Dull made a motion to approve the 2018 townships fire contracts with a 3% increase. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance #689 City Garage Dumpster

Attorney Baumgartner submitted Ordinance #689 for Council consideration. This ordinance authorizes and regulates the disposal of trash in the dumpsters at the City Garage. The ordinance states that citizens have the privilege of using the dumpsters as long as all solid waste is fully deposited into the dumpsters. A violation occurs when solid waste is outside the dumpster or when a non-citizen or contractor disposes waste. The ordinance also spells out items that are prohibited and sets out a fine of not less than \$500.00 plus the costs to the City for removal of the prohibited items.

Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #689 by short title. This ordinance authorizes and regulates the disposal of solid waste at the City Garage. Phil Provost made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Ordinance No. 689 will be on the next council agenda for final consideration.

Attorney Comments

None

Clerk-Treasurer Comments

None

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean stated that the City Offices and the compost pad will be closed Monday May 29, 2017 to observe Memorial Day.

Councilmen Comments

Councilman Ron Dull thanked everyone who helped make the Run for the Fallen on May 12, 2017. He especially thanked Deputy Sherriff Eric Beer, State Patrolman Dan Mawhorr, the Berne Witness, Berne Shopping News, Decatur Democrat, and WBZD. He also thanked the Mayor and the Council and all City Employees for their support.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer