

May 28, 2019

The Common Council Met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 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, and Philip Provost were present, along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller. Councilman Mark Wynn was absent.

Councilman Gregg Sprunger opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Mayor McKean gave the invocation.

Minutes

On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Ron Dull, the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Council on Aging

Council on Aging Director Michele Lengerich came before the Council to request funding of \$4,000.00 for the year 2020. Director Lengerich stated that they rely on the City's financial assistance to help defray the cost of assisting Adams County senior citizens with their transportation needs. The cost of a one-way trip is \$22.00 and a round trip is \$44.00. In 2018 they had 987 trips with no federal or state reimbursement totaling \$21,714. They also had gas expenses of \$14,059.02, which was over budget by \$6,000.00. Director Lengerich stated that the agency has applied for and received some grants they still need financial assistance from local communities to help with the shortfall. Councilman Ron Dull made a motion to approve the request of \$4,000 in funding for the Adams County Council on Aging for 2020. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Annual Township Fire Protection Contracts

The 2020 township fire contracts were brought before Council for their approval. The contracts reflect a three percent increase from 2019 and the total amount is reflected below.

Bluecreek	8,770.49	Jefferson	7,667.15
French	9,220.98	Monroe	17,398.43
Hartford	7,769.04	Wabash	12,001.29

Curtis Wurster made a motion to approve the 2020 Township Fire contracts. Phil Provost made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Request to Purchase a Pickup Truck

Workforce Manager Kurt Dailey, representing Water Superintendent John Crider, came before the council to request permission to purchase a ½ ton Ford pickup on the open market. Kurt had brought this to the Board of Public Works and Safety at their regular meeting on May 16th and the board was unanimous in recommending council approve the request. Kurt explained to council that the new truck would replace the 2009 truck. Kurt stated that he is planning to move the 2009 truck to the park department and use their 2006 Ford Ranger as the trade in. With the government discount and a trade in allowance of \$4,300 for the 2006 truck, the cost of the new truck would be \$23,317 from Moser Motors. Dave informed the Council that according to the purchasing ordinance, Council can give their approval as the Purchasing Agency to purchase the truck on the open market. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to go on the open market and purchase a new ½ ton pickup truck to be used in the Water Department. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Consideration of Ordinance 717

Ordinance #717 was presented to the Council for their consideration. This ordinance provides for the regulation of traffic within the City of Berne and amends chapter 74, schedule III, of the Berne City Code by the addition of a parking space for persons with physical disabilities. The handicapped parking space would be the first position South of Main Street on the west side of Fulton Street. Phil Provost made a motion to Introduce Ordinance #717 on its first reading by short title. Ron Dull 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. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Curtis Wurster made a motion to adopt Ordinance #717 on its final reading by short title. Ron Dull made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Lehman Park Sign

Curtis Wurster, Park Board President, submitted a drawing of the new Lehman Park sign that the Park Board approved. The cost of the sign is \$1,000 plus \$400 for hardware and installation. The sign will be on the west side of the park by U.S. Highway 27. The Council consensus was that the sign looks nice.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean stated that he was thankful that the City of Berne was spared the bad weather last night even though there were about 2 inches of rain.

Mayor McKean asked Kurt Dailey to inform the Council about a recent wastewater line repair. Kurt stated that there is a concrete line that was installed in the 1970s that runs from the Eastview apartments under the Bethel Brethren Church west to the East Lift Station, and services all of the Eastview and Oak Terrace apartments. Repairs were made on the line a few weeks ago, but another area then collapsed. The wastewater department is currently bypass pumping the line because it is in total failure and people can't flush their toilets. It was determined that this is an emergency situation and that the concrete line needs to be replaced immediately. Bill Watson of Watson Excavating, who did the Center Street work, was contacted to install the new line. There is approximately 470 feet of line that has to be replaced.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer