

June 11, 2012

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012 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 James Beitler, Jr. and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller.

Councilman Mark Wynn opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Mayor McKean gave the invocation.

On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the May 29, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Adams County United Way

Ron Dull made a motion to grant Adams County United Way's request to use the municipal parking lot west of the Chamber office for the "Stuff the Bus" food drive. This will take place on June 20, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Volunteers will be there to accept donations and monitor the site for cleanliness. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Anti-Nepotism Ordinance # 629

Ordinance #629 was presented for its final reading. This ordinance establishes an anti-nepotism policy according to I.C. 36-1-20. Phil Provost made a motion to pass Ordinance #629 on its final reading. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Adams County Relay for Life

Becky Cochran, representative for Adams County Relay for Life, asked for permission to "paint the town purple" with bows, signs and posters advertising the relay for life event to be held on June 23, 2012. The signs will be put up on June 12th and taken down on June 25th. Mark Wynn made a motion to join the rest of Adams County to paint the town purple in support of the Relay for Life. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Plan Commission Report

Councilman Gregg Sprunger reported that the Plan Commission held a public hearing for secondary plat approval for Brett Miller's Black Bear Meadows addition. This approval is for lots 1-10 and is approximately 4.5 acres. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to approve the secondary plat approval for lots 1-10 for Black Bear Meadows. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

ADA Compliance and Transitional Plan Update

Kurt Dailey reported the committee of Shannon Smitley, Gary Nussbaum, Becky Sprunger and Jim Beitler has been working on the ADA Compliance plan. An inventory of all intersections has been completed and now needs to be prioritized by area. Shannon is completing an inventory of all municipal buildings and comparing them to the building code to see if they are in ADA compliance. Becky is working on updating the website to post the transition

plan as well have the ability to file an ADA grievance. The plan should be going to the Board of Works in the next couple of months.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported that Berne Volunteer Fire Department facilities will be open to the public this summer every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting June 16th thru August 11th. Fire Department personnel will be onsite for smoke alarm and fire extinguisher sales, fire safety material, and tours. Firemen will be available to answer any Citizen's questions.

Mayor McKean informed the Council that he is proposing a 1% plus \$500.00 raise for all full-time employees for 2013. Phil Provost made a motion to direct Attorney Beitler to prepare a salary ordinance for appointed officers and employees reflecting the Mayor's proposal of a 1% plus \$500.00 raise for all full-time employees. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor McKean is also proposing a 1% plus \$500.00 raise for the Clerk-Treasurer and Mayor, \$500 raise for the City Attorney, and \$250.00 for the Council for 2013. Mayor McKean stated that since the Council has not had a raise in four years he felt that \$250.00 is not out of line. In a prepared statement Phil Provost stated the following: "I am in favor of the Mayor's proposal for all full-time employees, Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor and City Attorney. I am not in favor of a salary raise for the Council. Since it is not the Council's primary source of income it isn't necessary. The previous Council did a fine job of recognizing the dire conditions of the economy as well as reacting to cuts in funding from both federal and state governments. From 2009-11 the council honorably decided against a pay raise for themselves while allowing one for full time officials. What has changed about the economy? The current presidential administration has done nothing but spend money to prevent the bubble from bursting all the while creating a much bigger bubble. Last summer the S & P downgraded our national credit rating from AAA to AA for the 1st time in our nation's history. Last October, RCP pools showed that 76.5% of Americans believe we are on the wrong track...although that number is down fairly significantly to 58.8%, it illustrates the need for bold change. To do that we must be proactive in changing the status quo...Government must remember its proper role. What is the current status quo among the vast majority of governing bodies in our nation...especially throughout recent history regarding pay raises for elected officials? What's not the status quo is government getting out of the way and allowing the people to keep more of their own hard earned money. It's a small step, yet I think it's a great symbolic step that illustrates our resolve toward running a principled government, our commitment to responsibility and earning the public's trust. This is change that the people can believe in!" Mark Wynn made a motion to direct Attorney Beitler to prepare a salary ordinance for elected officials for 2013 based on the Mayor's recommendations. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion passed on a vote of four (4) yeas and one (1) nay cast by Phil Provost.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments

Gwen Maller informed the Council that she received notification that her budget meeting with the DLGF is July 13, 2012.

Attorney Comments

Jim Beitler stated that there is going to an Army Band concert on June 26th and requested permission to close Harrison Street from Main to Water for

that event. Ron Dull made a motion to add June 26th to the approved event list for street closures that was approved at a prior meeting. Curtis made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Councilman Comments

Ron Dull informed the Council that the Park Board will be meeting on June 13th for a regular meeting. He also stated that June 16, 2012 will be a work day at the park.

He expressed congratulations to T.J. Burnfield for completing Army Basic Training on June 8, 2012 at Fort Benning.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer