

July 11, 2016

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 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 Dave Baumgartner and Utility Clerk Katrina Armenta for Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller who was not in attendance.

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

Comments by Citizens

Area resident Amy Huser came before council to brief them on a Hometown Collaboration Initiative program currently being offered by Purdue University. Councilman Phil Provost commented that the program looks interesting and appreciated her bringing it to their attention.

Local resident, Houston Logsdon, 517 Compromise Street, came before council to voice his concern of a neighbor that he feels has created a fire hazard. Mr. Logsdon stated that the resident has planted a garden in the alley and is also using timbers around the garden, which he feels would restrict emergency vehicles from accessing the alley. Mr. Logsdon further stated that the garden is also blocking access to a fire hydrant. Mark Wynn stated that action should be taken immediately to have the garden removed and Phil Provost voiced his agreement. Discussions continued and Council asked if Mr. Logsdon would be able to attend the next meeting on July 25th, 2016 to further discuss the situation.

Minutes

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the June 27, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Attorney Comments

Dave Baumgartner informed council that the 2017 Salary and Wage Ordinance is complete and has been emailed to Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller. This will be on the July 25, 2016 agenda for council consideration.

Dave also informed council he has begun working with water superintendent John Crider and Gwen Maller on a new water ordinance that will address a number of practices.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported the painting of City Hall is completed and the exterior of the building looks 100% better.

Mayor McKean reported that Swiss Days is around the corner and thanked all the employees for all their work getting ready for it.

Mayor McKean met with the City of Berne concrete contractor, Matt Liter to get a price to repair the sidewalk by Edelweiss, which is in poor condition and is a public safety issue. Per the city sidewalk program, the business owner and the city will share the cost 50-50 on the sidewalk but does not include the safety ramps, which the city supplies. Mayor McKean stated that Street Commissioner Gary Nussbaum is recommending that the removal of the trees along the sidewalk and the repairs be a coordinated effort.

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