

July 8, 2019

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2019 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 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 Ron Dull and a second by Phil Provost, the minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Claims**

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

### **2020 Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officers and Employees**

Ordinance #718 fixing salaries, compensation and benefit programs for 2020 for all appointed officers and employees of the City of Berne and establishing clothing allowances for the police department, police reserves and fire department was presented to the Council. Mark Wynn made a motion to adopt Ordinance #718 on its final reading by short title. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

### **2020 Salary Ordinance for Elected Officials**

Ordinance #719 fixing salaries and benefit programs for 2020 of all elected officials of the City of Berne was presented to the Council for its final reading. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to adopt Ordinance #719 on its final reading by short title. Ron Dull made the second and the motion passed on a vote of four yeas and one nay cast by Phil Provost.

### **Mayor Comments**

Mayor McKean informed the Council that the funeral for former Berne Mayor Blaine Fulton, who passed away Sunday, July 7, 2019, will be held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Those attending from the City will be sitting together as a group to support his family at this time.

Mayor McKean informed the Council that he received word that retiring South Adams Schools Superintendent, Mr. Scott Litwiller's last scheduled school board meeting will be July 30, 2019. Scott would like an agreement between the City and the School regarding the SRO that the City will be providing in the fall be worked out by that meeting.

Mayor McKean reported that Brooks Construction is in town doing the annual street milling and paving.

**Councilman Comments**

Councilman Ron Dull asked what the procedure is for mowing high grass. He stated that there is a house at 256 High Street that needs mowed. Gwen Maller informed the Council that she sends a police officer to inspect the height of the grass. If the grass exceeds 8 inches as stated in our ordinance and the property owner lives outside of the city limits, they are notified by registered mail. If the property owner lives in Berne, the letter is hand delivered to their place of residence. The property owner then has 5 working days to get the lawn mowed. Gwen stated that it does take several extra days when a registered letter is sent. She stated that a letter was sent to the property owner at the 256 High Street address and the property can now be mowed by the city. Ron also asked about the property on Maple Street and was informed that the property was turned over to Adams County Board of Health and they have condemned it.

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

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William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer