The Common Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Councilmen Gregg Sprunger presided over the meeting due to the absence of Mayor McKean. Councilmen Curtis Wurster, Ron Dull, Mark Wynn were present, along with Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller. Councilman Phil Provost was absent

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

Minutes

On a motion by Mark Wynn and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of the February 13, 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.

Berne CDC request for Gateway Signage Funding

Dr. Scott Bixler, Vice-President of the Berne Community Development Corporation, came before the Council to request that the City contribute \$8,000 for a new gateway sign for the west side of Berne along Highway 218. He stated that it is the same sign that the City helped pay for that is on the North and South edges of Berne. He stated that the Berne CDC will pay for the remaining \$4,200 balance for the sign as well as the additional costs for the cement foundations and landscaping. The ground that the sign will be placed on will be donated. The new sign will sit a little farther west than the current sign which will be removed. Ron Dull asked what kind of maintenance will the signs need in the future. Scott stated that he only maintenance will be the landscaping around the signs. The signs are made of aluminum and have graphics on them. The graphics may need to be replaced in the distant future, but it is not hard to do. Bixler stated that hopefully the sign will be up by mid-summer.

Ron Dull made a motion to approve the request by the Berne CDC for the City to contribute \$8,000.00 towards the new Gateway sign on the west edge of Berne. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Councilmen Comments

Councilman Curtis Wurster informed the Council that the Park Board set April 22, 2017 as a work date with the alternate date of April 29th if there is inclement weather. Curtis stated that they would like to concentrate on the Girls' softball dugouts. Ron stated that the wood barricades around the softball area also need some attention. Everyone is invited to come and help.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

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