

July 10, 2017

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 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 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 Mark Wynn and a second by Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the June 26, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Ordinance #692

Ordinance #692 was presented to Council for their consideration. This ordinance amends and restates Chapter 70, Sections 70.70 through 70.83 of the Berne City Code including provisions regarding the authorization and regulation of use of golf carts and off-road vehicles on the streets and alleys of the City of Berne. Discussion was held and it was noted that section 70.83 did not have the same operator qualifications as the last two paragraphs in section 70.70. Dave said that he could change section 70.83 to read exactly as the paragraphs in section 70.70. Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #692 with the noted change being incorporated into the ordinance. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance #693

Ordinance #693 was presented to Council for their consideration. This ordinance is for the Regulation of Traffic within the City of Berne, IN and amends Chapter 73, Schedule II of the Berne City Code by the addition of a stop intersection at Hoosier and Welty Streets with the location of the stop sign on Hoosier Street. Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #693 by short title. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Curtis Wurster made a motion to waive the rules and regulations to pass an ordinance on its first reading. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Ron Dull made a motion to pass Ordinance # 693 on its final reading. Phil Provost made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance #694

Ordinance # 694 was presented to Council for their consideration. This ordinance fixes salaries, compensation and benefit programs for 2018 for all named officers and employees of the City of Berne and establishes clothing allowances for the Police Department, Police Reserves and Fire Department. This ordinance reflects the Mayor's proposal of a 1.5% increase plus \$500.00 for all full-time employees along with an additional \$300.00 for all department heads that are over employees. An additional \$200.00 for water/wastewater department heads that have reporting requirements. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to introduce Ordinance #694 by short title. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance #695

Ordinance #695 was presented to the Council. This ordinance fixes the salaries and benefit programs for 2018 of all elected officials of the City of Berne. This ordinance reflects the Mayor's proposal of 1.5% increase plus \$500.00 for the Clerk-Treasurer, City Attorney and the Mayor. Ron Dull made a motion to introduce Ordinance #695. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Comments

Dave Baumgartner wanted to inform everyone that the new Gateway sign on the west side of the City is up as of today.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments

Gwen Maller thanked everyone who worked hard to measure and rate all the City streets. She informed the Council that the asset management plan was submitted to LTAP on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 and it was approved Friday, July 7, 2017. She stated that the Community Crossings grant application is due July 14, 2017, but she hopes to have it in by Wednesday, July 12, 2017. One of the requirements for the grant application is a commitment funding letter be submitted. She stated that the letter basically states that the City will commit 25% of the cost to improve .39 miles on Parr Road from the intersection of East Parr Road and County Road 000. The total estimated cost of the project is \$840,000 with \$302,800 of it being the County's responsibility. Of the \$537,000 that is the City's responsibility, only \$433,280 is allowed to be submitted for the grant due to the fact that the grant does not cover any of the water main work or contingencies. The 25% share for the City would be around \$108,320. On a motion by Curtis Wurster and a second by Gregg Sprunger, the Council unanimously approved a letter of commitment for the 25% local share for the Parr Road project.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported that Mike Dubach recently cleaned out the holding pond behind the Fire station and put riprap around it.

The Mayor also reported that dirt is being hauled in for the old Dunbar property so grass seed can be sown. The dirt is being taken from the wastewater treatment plant.

Councilman Comments

None

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer