

July 9, 2018

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Councilmen, Gregg Sprunger, Ron Dull, Phil Provost and Mark Wynn were present, along with Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Katrina Armenta in place of Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller. Councilmen Curtis Wurster was absent.

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

Comments by Citizens

Doug Bixler, who resides at 725 S Lehman St. came before council as a concerned citizen about the traffic in the alley on the south side of his property. Doug stated he is tired of the traffic in the alley. He stated that he does not think there are any utilities in the alley and he would like to have the alley vacated. Attorney Dave Baumgartner informed Doug that his next step would be to get a letter from the surrounding neighbors to petition the council. It then would be put on the agenda for the next council meeting to have the Council consider the request, which if approved, would need in the form of an ordinance.

Minutes

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes from June 25, 2018 were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Council on Aging

Director Michelle Lengerich of Adams County Council on Aging came before council to request funding of \$4000 for the year of 2019. This is a \$100 increase from 2018. Director Lengerich stated that the needed increase is because of the number of trips and cost of the trips have increased. The Adams Council on Aging provided 5,787 trips in 2017 and in 2018 provided 6,858 trips. Ron Dull made a motion to approve the request for \$ 4,000 in funding for the Adams County Council on Aging for 2019. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Introduction of Salary Ordinances

Ordinance 707: An Ordinance Fixing Salaries, Compensation and Benefit Programs for 2019 of All Appointed Officers and Employees of The City of Berne and Establishing Clothing Allowances for the Police Department, Police Reserves and Fire Department. This ordinance reflects the Mayor's proposal of 1.5% pay increase

plus \$850 for all full-time employees and the City Attorney and also includes the addition of a section concerning a Christmas bonus. The Mayor is also proposing an increase in the pay for firemen with the Fire Chief being paid \$ 30.00 per run and the department being paid \$ 25.00 per run which is an increase of \$ 2.00 for the first hour. In addition, firemen's clothing and car allowance was increased from \$150 to \$ 200.00 for each. The Board of Public Works and Safety, Plan Commission and BZA pay for members attending meetings was increased from \$35 to \$40 per meeting. Mark Wynn made a motion to introduce Ordinance #707. Gregg Sprunger made the second, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ordinance 708: An Ordinance Fixing Salaries and Benefit Programs for 2019 of All Elected Officials of The City of Berne. This ordinance reflects the Mayor's proposal of 1.5% increase plus \$850 for the Clerk-Treasurer and the Mayor. The Mayor is proposing the following increases Council members annual pay by \$250

Gregg Sprunger made a motion to introduce Ordinance #708. Ron Dull made the second and Ordinance to introduce #708 was passed on a 3-1 vote. Phil Provost, voting against.

Both ordinances will go before council on July 23rd, 2018 for their consideration.

Mayor Comments

Mayor commented that Parr Road is very close to finishing up. All that is left is stripping, which was delayed due to weather, but should be done as soon as possible.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer