

January 22, 2018

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 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 Ron Dull and a second by Gregg Sprunger, the minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Ordinance #700 Nuisance Ordinance

Ordinance #700 was presented to Council for its final reading by short title. This ordinance amends Chapter 91 and section 10.99, and deletes sections 130.03,150.30,150.31,150.32, 150.33, 150.34,150.35,150.36, and 150.99 of the Berne City Code. The ordinance was introduced at the January 8, 2018 meeting and the council asked that several minor changes in language be made. With the suggested changes made, copies were sent to the council and the Clerk's office the next day for council and public review. Attorney Baumgartner reminded the Council that since the ordinance has sections where there are penalties for violations, the ordinance must be published one time in the newspaper before it can go into effect. Mark Wynn made a motion to adopt Ordinance #700 on its final reading. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Parr Road Reconstruction Project

Mayor McKean reported that there was a meeting on January 10th with Adams County representatives Lonnie Caffee, County Highway Superintendent and Tim Barkey, Adams County Engineer about the Parr Road Improvement project as discussed at the January 8th council meeting. The County is sharing in some of the engineering and construction costs, as they own about 40% of the road that is part of the project. The County has agreed to pay \$66,592.68 for their share of the engineering and construction costs and also pay 40% of any approved change orders not covered in the Community Crossings grant. Ron Dull asked that once the project is finished, will the County's portion of the road have to be annexed into the City of Berne. Dave replied that yes it will be annexed and taken into the City's inventory. Ron Dull made a motion to approve Adams County's offer and to have Attorney Baumgartner prepare an interlocal agreement. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean thanked Street Superintendent Gary Nussbaum and the Street Department for the great job of taking care of the roads during all the snow events.

Councilman Comments

Gregg Sprunger stated that since FCC(Adams) donated a new scoreboard for the little league diamond, he understands that no other signs should be placed on that scoreboard. In the past Lee Flueckiger has given a sizable donation to have his sign in a high visibility location, which had been under the old scoreboard. Gregg was wondering if the Council would agree to have Lee's sign hang on the backstop fence. Mayor McKean stated that he didn't think there would be a problem if it didn't interfere with play. After discussion, Gregg is going to talk with others on the South Adams Youth League and with Lee Flueckiger to see if they can determine where a good spot would be for the sign. Once they get a good idea, Gregg will bring it back to Council.

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