

August 27, 2018

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, August 27, 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 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. Mayor McKean thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his grandson, Blake Stutzman, who is critically ill.

Minutes

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Presentation of 2019 Budget

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller presented the 2019 budget. The budget in the General Fund is \$1,964,712 and the Street Fund is \$701,486. The estimated maximum tax levy is \$1,508,581 and the total budget of all the funds is \$3,341,741. Gwen stated that the budget will be advertised in the newspaper and also advertised online through the Gateway site. The pre-adoption public hearing will be held on October 9, 2018 with the final budget adoption on October 24, 2018. Ron Dull made a motion to advertise the 2019 budget as presented. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Stormwater Utility Board Update

Attorney Dave Baumgartner gave the update report from the Stormwater Utility Board that met last Thursday. Four bids were received for the Nussbaum/Center Street separation project. The low bid of \$177,320 from Watson Excavating Inc. from Redkey Indiana was accepted by the Board on the recommendation of Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineering. The engineer's estimate was \$185,000. Dave said the project was bid using a 15-inch storm line but Shannon is asking for a quote using an 18 inch storm line which would provide drainage at the former elementary school property. The owners of the property will be offered the opportunity to pay for the upsized pipe, which would be a great asset for future development of that property. Should the owners decline the offer, the original specs of a 15 inch storm line will be used. Dave stated that the upgraded size of the storm line would probably eliminate the need for holding ponds at that site.

Attorney Baumgartner reported that another item to come before the Storm Board was an amendment to the original design engineer agreement from Commonwealth Engineering for the Nussbaum/Center street project. This is for bidding and construction engineering services that were not included in the original Task Order 2018-01. The Board approved the lump sum of \$2,500 for bidding services and a not to exceed amount of \$4,500 for construction engineering services.

The Storm Board approved a contract for engineering services from Commonwealth Engineering for separating storm water and sewers in the California, Water, and Brown Street area which is Phase I of the IDEM approved 2017 Long Term Control Plan update. Dave stated that this will keep the City on schedule with IDEM benchmarks and may also help with financing projects when they need to be started. The total cost of the contract was \$182,900.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer