

November 25, 2019

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Council member Gregg Sprunger, Curtis Wurster, Ron Dull, Mark Wynn and Philip Provost were present, along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller.

Council member Gregg Sprunger opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Mayor McKean gave the invocation.

Minutes

On a motion by Phil Provost and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Board of Public Works and Safety Report

Mayor McKean reported that the Board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday November 20, 2019 for their regular meeting. As advertised, the annual bids were opened and read aloud by Attorney Baumgartner. There was only one bid submitted by Harvest Land for fuel, Liter Concrete for cement work and U.S. Aggregate for stone. The board approved those bids which are on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

There were two bids submitted by Brooks Construction and Wayne Asphalt for street paving services. These bids are under review and will be on the agenda for the next Board of Works meeting on December 9, 2019.

The blinking safety crossing sign for the school is in and will be installed within the next week.

Attorney Comments

Attorney Dave Baumgartner reported that he is working on two projects. The first project is to get easements for the 2017 LTCP sewer separation project. The surveys are now completed. The next step is to obtain signed easements from EP Graphics, Steve Kreigh (Dollar General), and AlpineRose Coffee Shoppe in order to allow the new line to run on the edge of their properties.

Attorney Baumgartner reported that the second project is in regards to unsafe buildings. He, along with Shannon Smitley, City of Berne Building and Planning Director, have identified two homes and have completed the title search. Letters have been sent to the property owners, starting the long process of addressing unsafe properties.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments

Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller stated that at the last meeting, Ordinance No. 721 was passed. This ordinance enacts and adopts a supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Berne. However, later she realized that the 2020 Budget Ordinance was also numbered 721 and was presented to and adopted by council. The Clerk-Treasurer is asking that the ordinance to enact and adopt a supplement to the code of ordinances for the City of Berne be changed to No. 722. On a motion by Gregg Sprunger, Ordinance No. 722 was introduced by short title. Curtis Wurster made a second and the motion was unanimously passed. Curtis Wurster made a motion to waive the rules and procedures in order to adopt an ordinance at the meeting it is introduced. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 722 on its final reading. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Gwen Maller also reported that the 1782 notice from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) was received last week. She hasn't had a chance to review it, but did see that the City was \$41.00 below the maximum tax levy.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported that the bid opening for the 2017 LTCP Phase I sewer separation project was held on November 21, 2019. There were a total of 7 bids received and ranged from \$3,117,134 to \$5,357,800. All bids were responsible and responsive. The engineer's estimate was \$4,000,000. The Stormwater Board and the Board of Public Works and Safety will need to accept the low bid on December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019 respective meetings. Mayor McKean stated that the City has a lot to be thankful for concerning the way the bids came in.

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

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer