

September 23, 2019

The Common Council met with Mayor William McKean for a regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall according to the posted notice. Council members 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.

Citizens Comments-None

Minutes

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Mark Wynn, the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Claims

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

Introduction of Adams County Economic Development Director Colton Bickel

Mayor McKean introduced Jay County native Colton Bickel to the council. Mr. Bickel shared his background with the council and that he came to his position as Adams County Economic Development Director having previously served in the same position for Blackford County. After sharing his contact information with the council, Mr. Bickel said that he interned in college doing community development work. He stated that he is familiar with Adams County having helped Decatur with their Stellar Communities grant. Since assuming his new position with AEDC, he has introduced himself to Smith Brothers of Berne, FCC, and other Berne industries. Mr. Bickel said that he is looking forward to working with Berne and Adams County in his position as Adams County Economic Development Executive Director.

Attorney Comments- Attorney Baumgartner reported that Ben Adams, Commonwealth Engineers, has started the process of getting easements for the upcoming LTCP Phase 1 project.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments- Gwen reported that she submitted the Road Asset Management Plan to LTAP for approval. This must be approved each year in order to qualify for the Community Crossings Grant.

Mayor Comments

Mayor McKean reported on the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held prior to tonight's council meeting. The board unanimously approved a quote for a blinking crossing sign for South Adams Schools at a cost of \$ 5,600.00. The sign has a three-year warranty. Approval was previously given by the board with a not-to-exceed

amount of \$ 5,000. Because the quote came back higher than that, the board needed to meet tonight so the sign could be ordered.

The mayor reported that city offices will be closed Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day and the council meeting has been moved to Tuesday October 15th. The trash route will run on Monday as normal. Heavy trash pickup week started today. The mayor also noted that the leaf vac routes do not start until October 7th and citizens should not be putting grass clippings/garden waste/leaves directly on the pavement until then.

Councilmen Comments - Ron Dull asked about the status of the grant for the Village Way project and if we do not get the grant, will the city do the project anyway. Gwen advised that she is still waiting to hear about this round of funding, but if the city is not awarded the grant, we cannot do the project, but she will resubmit the project in the next round of funding.

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

Councilman Comments- None

William F. McKean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer