

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council December 12, 2016  
held at the meeting room of the fire barn, 7:00 pm

Present: Dykhouse, D. Heuker, Kubiak, Heethuis (left at 7:15 and returned at 8:45pm), DeBoer, Lutke, D. Smith, M. Smith, Dean Vivian, Herb Bronkema

Absent: Heidi Heuker

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Mayor Dykhouse

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to approve November minutes, approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to approve November financials, approved 6-0.

**Public Input-** Gerald and Steve Reedy from Reedy's Restaurant presented information to appeal their water rate increase. Their case was referred to the utility committee for consideration.

Dean Vivian presented information about a mobile child advocate bus that will be in our area at some point. This bus is sponsored by the Sheriff's department, Prosecutor's office and community mental health. Mayor Dykhouse thanked Mr. Vivian for his faithful service to the City of McBain as a representative from the county commissioners.

**Fisher/King DPW Report-**

- Well #5 should be up and running tomorrow pending certification paper. There are a few more details to finish up at the water tower.
- Trailer for hauling snow: Ellen's Equipment will rent the trailer to the city for \$2500.00 for 4 months. Motion by Heuker, supported by DeBoer to rent the wagon and get the insurance necessary for the 4 months, approved 5-0.
- Roof on the Fire Department building needs replacement; assigned to the Finance/Labor committee for consideration.
- Mayor reported that Randy Bogard is retiring which leaves the city without help for snow removal. Labor committee will work on filling seasonal help position. Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith that the Mayor have a conversation with Mr. Jerry Lutke to see if he is willing to fill the immediate need for snow plowing help, approved 4-0. Lutke abstained.

**Old Business**

- As already stated well project is just about concluded and the water tower has a couple items that need finishing.

**New Business**

- Cemetery Rules- our rule states that we do not do Sunday/Holiday burials. That will be enforced. Letters will be sent to the area funeral homes again so that they can help families find an alternative.
- Budget amendments- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to adopt the November amendments, approved 5-0.
- BID opening- One bid was received for the 4.35 acre lot from Midwest, LLC. Motion by Heuker, supported by Smith to refer to the attorney for review after which it will be referred to the EDC committee who will make a recommendation back to council as to how to proceed.

**Committee Reports and Recommendations**

- Utility committee- presented a sheet of recommendations (attached) for the businesses that have appealed their water rate increase
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith that the REU on the schedule for coffee shops be changed to 1.6 from 2.6, approved 5-0.
- (Heethuis returned 8:45) after discussion, Motion by DeBoer, supported by Heethuis that Reedy's, because they have started the process will be billed at the current fee until a determination is reached regarding their request at which point any unbilled portion will have to be paid retroactive to January 1, 2017, if they have overpaid they will be credited in the next available quarter. This will be the policy for all appeal requests that have been submitted, Approved 4-2.
- Clerk will send a letter to Viking requesting the records for pond discharge to the city lagoons for the last 2 years.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by DeBoer to treat Mainstreet Laundromat metering the same as Reedy's restaurant with the old rate staying in effect until the new determination is made with any unbilled portion being retroactive to January 1, 2017, if they have overpaid they will be credited in the next available quarter, approved 5-0. Heuker abstained.
- Heethuis reported that new coats were purchased for the DPW workers and new uniforms are on order for this year.
- Doug Smith- Tree lighting a great success! Mayor and Council thanked Doug Smith and the McBain Baptist Church for initiating this! Looking forward to next year.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by DeBoer to purchase totes for light storage containers. Approved 5-0. Smith abstained.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 9:30 pm.

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk