

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council November 14, 2016 – UNAPPROVED
held at the meeting room of the fire barn, 5:30 pm

Present: Dykhouse, D. Heuker, Kubiak, Heethuis, DeBoer, Lutke, D. Smith, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Dean Vivian

Absent: Fisher, King

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 5:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Doug Smith

➤ Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve October minutes, approved 6-0.

➤ Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve October financials, approved 6-0.

Public Input- formal request from Mainstreet Laundry for a water meter. Motion by Heethuis, supported by Smith to honor the request for a meter, approved 5-0. Heuker abstaining. Utility chair DeBoer will initiate the process.

Fisher/King DPW Report-

➤ DPW employees are working on a water line problem on Pine St. and weren't at the meeting. Mayor Dykhouse relayed a few comments. All poles are removed! Thank you Mike King for your diligence in this matter. Mayor presented a proposal to lease a box wagon from Ellen's Equipment for snow removal. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to table this request pending gathering more information. Approved 6-0.

Old Business

➤ Motion by Heethuis, supported by Lutke to allow Mayor Dykhouse to negotiate with American Structures for payment on work completed and work left uncompleted. Approved 6-0.

➤ Well # 5 - The VFD is in Traverse City and should be installed this week. The VFD that is too small to run Well #5 is big enough to run Well #4 and has been purchased for \$3000.00 by Mayor Dykhouse to be installed at that site. TIFA has previously agreed to finance that purchase. We will still need the filter for this project.

➤ Challenger Automation is working on the telemetry system and getting all of the equipment communicating within the system. Well #4 is communicating with the tower and the others will be completed soon.

➤ Mayor will continue to work on the agreement for antennas on the water tower after the current projects are completed and as he has time.

New Business

➤ The Mayor has appointed Danay Tossey, owner of Cornerstone Coffee to the TIFA/DDA board. Motion by Lutke, supported by DeBoer to approve the appointment. Approved 6-0.

➤ Pastor Doug Smith and the McBain Baptist Church are working on a Christmas Tree Lighting celebration to be held on December 10, 2016. Motion by Heuker, supported by DeBoer to authorize expenditure from the general fund of \$1000.00. Approved 6-0. Heuker Construction also donated \$200.00 towards this project.

➤ Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to have Geers Farm do the light pole decorations again this year at a cost of \$1000.00. Approved 6-0.

➤ Budget Amendments- tabled until December for revision and summary sheet.

➤ Motion by Heethuis, supported by DeBoer to change the water budget engineering line to \$12,500.00 and move \$12,500.00 to the utility line. Approved 6-0.

➤ Zoning Administrator – will be paid when he turns in the report if it totals 10 hours or less. If it is over 10 hours it needs to be approved before payment.

Committee Reports and Recommendations

➤ Utility committee is recommending an increase for sewer utility rates for the necessary remediation that needs to be done at the sewer ponds. They are recommending that we increase the quarterly billing to \$50.00 from \$37.50. Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to accept the utility committee recommendation to increase to \$50.00. Approved 6-0.

➤ Survey results are being compiled by Lutke.

➤ Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to enter closed session. Approved 6-0.

➤ Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to rise from closed session. Approved 6-0.

➤ Motion by Lutke, supported by Smith to post for bids to sell the 4.35 acres, including \$50,000 minimum bid for the entire parcel, city will pay for rezoning, bids due back Friday, December 9, 2016 at 5:00pm. Approved 6-0.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 7:30 pm.

Marcia Smith,

McBain City Clerk