

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council August 8, 2016
held at the meeting room of the fire barn, 7:00pm

Present: Dykhouse, D. Heuker, Kubiak, Heethuis, DeBoer, Lutke, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Jones, Fisher, Mike King, Herb Bronkema, Dean Vivian and Erin Roby

Absent: D. Smith

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Mayor Dykhouse

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve July minutes, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve July financials, approved 5-0.

Public Input

- Erin Roby reported that McBain Days was a success and asked reimbursement for paid bills. The committee had enough money to pay them this year and will come to the TIFA board next year in April to seek financial support.

Fisher DPW Report-

- Water line repaired on Euclid St., Work on the new well is nearing completion, preparing for water tower refurbishing
- King reported on progress of pole removal, waiting on MDOT and Consumers.
- Lutke commented that the parks, cemetery and flowers are all looking very nice. Thank you to all of our DPW workers!

Jones Report- report received

Zoning Administrator - No progress made in finding a new zoning administrator.

Old Business –

New Business

- Mayor Dykhouse appointed Donna Lutke as the council rep on the Planning Commission and we need 2 more people from the city to serve.
- Mayor Dykhouse appointed Mike Kubiak as the council rep on the Library Board.
- TIFA/DDA needs 1 more person on their board. Must have an interest in a downtown business or live within the district.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to table the Community Survey until next month, approved 5-0. Input and comments can be forwarded to the clerk to be included in the next draft.
- Mayor presented an offer on the New Holland Side by Side. Council authorized the Mayor to counter offer and sell or put on craigslist.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Kubiak to install a VFD at Well 4 to help maintain system pressures while the water tower is being refurbished and as an investment in future operations, approved 5-0. We will establish specs and receive bids.
- New Well is waiting on DEQ for size of the pump that can be permitted. Well house is nearing completion. Meter has to be installed. September 6 is the target date for starting the Water Tower project. It will take 2-3 weeks to complete.
- Clerk will send notices to residents for Water Restriction during the time that the water tower is being worked on.

Committee Reports

- Utility Committee- has met 2 times working on water rate recommendations, reviewing REU charts, getting meter information, any rate change recommendations will be presented to the finance committee and then to council for final approval. Next meeting will be August 23, 2016.
- EDC – has been meeting with Michigan Enterprises for contract discussions. The EDC came to the conclusion that even though we have had a long-standing, positive relationship with Michigan Enterprises, due to budget constraints and lack of volume of economic development work they will not renew or extend the contract for services. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker that council approve the recommendation of the committee, approved by roll call vote 4-1 with DeBoer casting the dissenting vote.
- Mayor Dykhouse and the Council expressed appreciation and “Thank You” to Bob Jones for his work on behalf of the City of McBain over the years.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 8:45pm.

Marcia Smith,
McBain City Clerk