

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council December 14, 2015  
held at the meeting room of the fire barn.

Present: Dykhouse, Stahl, Heuker, Heethuis, Lutke, DeBoer, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Jones, Fisher, Dean Vivian, Steve Brimmer, Mike Green

Absent:

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Mayor Dykhouse

- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to approve November regular meeting minutes, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to approve financials, approved 5-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to refer question about litigation fees on zoning violations to the Public Safety Committee so they can come back to council in January with a recommendation, approved 5-0.

Public Input

- Steve Brimmer commented on the safety of the school crosswalk and asked council for more lighting to improve the visibility for drivers. DPW will check with Consumers to replace a light and possibly add another light. Motion by Lutke, supported by DeBoer to support the school in improving safety at the crosswalk, approved 5-0.

DPW Report-

- A sewer pump issue was repaired. The computer needs to be replaced and we need to update software that runs water telemetry system. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to refer the needs to the finance committee they will have a recommendation in January, approved 5-0. New Entry door on the DPW building is needed. Motion by Lutke to refer to finance committee died for lack of support. Motion by Heethuis, supported by DeBoer to replace the door approved by roll call vote. Heethuis, Stahl and DeBoer voting yes, Lutke voting no and Heuker abstained. Weather stripping needs will be done by the DPW.
- Requests for next year's budget included a welder that can run off a generator, and a shelter for working on lift stations. Finance committee will consider. Also, the leaf wagon repair needs a budget number. DPW will look into options.
- Mike King is off work on medical leave until December 21. Then back on light duty.

Jones Report-

- Planning Session is tentatively scheduled for January 4, 2016 at 7:00pm at our normal meeting room. Clerk will post after receiving confirmation that this will work for the TIFA/DDA members who wish to participate.

Zoning Administrator Report-

- Reports should be received by the Friday before council meetings. Draft of Master Plan was received.

Old Business

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to dismiss without prejudice the request from Tammy Watson to pay for repairs to her vehicle that was damaged while parked in the city parking lot. Approved 5-0.

New Business

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to appoint Heethuis to act as Mayor Pro Tem, approved 5-0.
- Motion by DeBoer, supported by Heuker to approve the mayor's committee appointments. Approved 5-0.
- New Well financing is being researched.

Round Table

- Heethuis asked about payment for Dale Mosher
- Lutke asked about removal of wooden cemetery markers, Heethuis will take care of this. Also requested Closed Session for discussion of personnel issues.
- DeBoer asked about removal of the big table, under consideration.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to enter Closed Session at 8:55pm. Approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Stahl to return to regular session at 9:10pm approved 5-0.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Lutke to pay Mike King his regular pay from December 7 until he can return to a full schedule. Approved by roll call vote 4-1 with Stahl casting the dissenting vote. Clerk will research LTD and STD Insurance options that might be available to the city.
- DeBoer excused for emergency call.
- Motion by Stahl, supported by Lutke to give \$25.00 Christmas gift certificates to L& J's to 4 DPW employees, Fisher, King, Bogard and Sue Heuker. Approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 9:15pm.

Marcia Smith, McBain City Clerk