

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council March 14, 2016  
held at the meeting room of the fire barn.

Present: Dykhouse, Heuker, Heethuis, Lutke, DeBoer, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Jones, Fisher, King, Erin Roby

Absent: Stahl, H. Heuker

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve February regular meeting minutes with a change of date to reflect the February meeting date, approved 4-0.
- 7:10pm Heethuis left for EMT call. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to continue as a committee of the whole.

Public Input

- Erin Roby requested the use of Roland St for Homecoming Days on July 23, 2016. The whole block has to be closed for insurance reasons, a new church has offered to do the pancake breakfast.

DPW Report-

- Leaf loader repair has begun
- Mike Engalls from Michigan Rural Water will conduct a rate study and an asset management study and forward information to Jay DeBoer, Chairman of the utility committee.
- Biewer – DPW reset a lift station and monitored sewer flow for 2 days. Showed 16,000 gallons of sewage/day. Flow meter could be installed to measure and verify proper billing for usage. Discussed metering the commercial/industrial customers.
- ATT and Summit are working on getting the poles taken down.
- Heethuis returned 7:50pm; Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to return to regular session. Approved 4-0.

Financials – Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve financials, Approved 4-0.

Motion by Heuker, supported by DeBoer to allow use of Roland St. for Homecoming days on July 23, 2016, Approved 4-0.

Jones Report-

- Tower agreement needs someone to be supervising the placement of antenna on the water tower. DPW will be in charge of this. EDC meeting will be Thursday night.

Zoning Administrator Report-

- Report was received.
- Any letters sent will be copied to the clerk. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker that the zoning administrator will research towing of vehicles that violate the ordinance and establish procedure. Approved 4-0.

Old Business

New Business

- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to approve the proposed budget for 2016-2017. Approved 4-0.
- Information letter to McBain Residents is ready to be posted with an additional comment regarding burning within the city limits.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Lutke to postpone any water rate increase pending report from Mike Engall and his research. Approved 4-0.
- Water Well update – contracts have been signed by vendors and returned with certificates of insurance. They have been forwarded to Mike Oezer for finalizing and then all will be signed and ready to go. One more person is interested in bidding on the telemetry for the water tower. Any effects on water usage in regards to the water tower refurbishing will be posted on the web site so that citizens will know what to expect if anything. Not expecting any noticeable changes at this time.
- Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to accept Mr. Doug Smith as new council member, approved 4-0. This term will be a few months short of 2 years. Doug Smith will run for re-election in the 2017 city election if he chooses to do so.

Round Table

- Heethuis – wooden crosses will be removed by May 1, 2016
- Clerk will look for copies of the agreement for Building Use.
- Clerk will look for lease agreement with the county for the EMT garage.
- Fire board will maintain a positive balance in the fire account.
- EDC is focusing on the top 4 priorities. Michigan Enterprises is researching descriptions and possible uses for each piece of city owned property.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor at 8:45 pm.

Marcia Smith,  
McBain City Clerk