

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council May 11, 2015

held at the meeting room of the fire barn.

Present: Dykhouse, Stahl, Heuker, Scholten, Heethuis, DeCator, Lutke, M. Smith, H. Heuker, Jones, Fisher, Dean Vivian, Jon Schierbeek, student from NMC, Mike Green

Absent: none

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Mayor Dykhouse

- Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to approve April minutes with correction , approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Stahl to approve Financials, approved 6-0.

Public Input

- Jon Schierbeek looking for a spot to build for a truck/semi repair shop. Possible interest in a couple lots in the industrial park.

Fisher DPW Report-

- Working to have everything ready for Memorial Day, new well is moving forward, rumor that a fire department member has a medical marijuana card has been proven false, Jay DeBoer is Deputy Chief, Randy Bogard has stated he no longer wishes to work for the city but will stay through Memorial Day, Labor/finance committee will find replacement.
- Motion by Lutke supported by DeCator to empower the labor/finance committee to secure seasonal part-time help as needed, approved 6-0.

Jones Report- report in closed session

Zoning Administrator Report- Mike Green

- Presented the transition amendment and height amendment, tabled until next month to allow council to have information.

Old Business –

- Employee handbook – Don Heuker expressed appreciation for all the work that Donna Lutke did on updating the employee handbook. Council looked through the draft copy and made corrections and recognized the changes made. Motion by Heuker, supported by Stahl to adopt the New Employee Handbook was approved unanimously (6-0) and will take effect immediately.
- Progressive AE – Motion by Lutke, supported by Heuker to accept proposal for the new well and well house and move forward \$22,000 total with \$12,900 for Design and \$9,600 for Construction, roll call vote; DeCator, Heuker and Lutke vote yes, and Heethuis, Scholten , Stahl vote no. Mayor vote no citing a desire for bids.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Stahl that the finance committee establish guidelines for purchase and procurement be put on next month's agenda, approved 6-0

New Business

- Anaerobic digester explanation
- Tom Nix met with the Mayor to present a new offer regarding cameras; \$950/month, monthly report to council and TIFA, 1 year trial basis from June1 to May 31, 2016. Motion by Lutke, supported by Heethuis to thank him for his offer and respectfully reject it. Approved 4-2 with DeCator and Heuker casting the dissenting votes.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by DeCator to enter Closed Session @ 9:20pm to discuss attorney report and employee wage and benefit. Approved 6-0.
- Motion by Lutke, supported by Stahl to rise from closed session @10.30pm approved 6-0.
- Motion by Heuker, supported by Stahl to hire Mike King as DPW assistant according to the terms of the contract, approved unanimously.
- Heuker appeal for utility price increase; Heuker excused himself for the council discussion, Motion by Stahl that the appeal be denied and propose gradual increases for 3 years until at the full established pricing, No support, motion dies. Motion by Lutke, supported by DeCator to table until next month, roll call vote- Heethuis, Lutke, Decator, Scholten vote yes; Stahl votes no; motion approved 4-1.

Round Table

- Lutke, establish a new schedule for council members to attend TIFA/DDA meetings, Don Heuker will go in May.
- DeCator, neighbor has requested an alley closure, put on June agenda
- Stahl, Point and Pay on June agenda

Marcia Smith, McBain City Clerk

