

Regular Meeting Minutes of the McBain City Council February 10, 2014
held at the meeting room of the fire barn.

Present: Dykhouse, Stahl, Scholten, Lutke, Heethuis, Heuker, Jenkins, M. Smith, Jones, Fisher, H. Heuker, Students from McBain High School, Bernie and Jo Geers

Absent:

Called to Order by Mayor Dykhouse @ 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Randy Jenkins

- **Motion** by Heuker, supported by Lutke to approve the January 2014 minutes ayes-5, nays-1 Stahl dissenting. Amendments will only be done in open meeting.
- Financials were received for information, , **Motion** by Stahl, supported by Lutke to accept financials as presented; approved by roll call vote 6-0

Public Input-

Students from McBain High School requested funding for their prom. As much as council appreciates the students request they are bound by law not to support financially. **Motion** by Lutke, supported by Heethuis not to financially support the prom. Approved by roll call vote 6-0. Clerk will prepare a letter to be sent to the students.

Bernie and Jo Geers presented the south ½ of Lot 81, Lot 88 and Lot 93 as a gift to the City of McBain. **Motion** by Lutke, supported by Heethuis that the city graciously accept their offer. Heuker amended that the city will pay all cost of completing the transfer. Approved by roll call vote 6-0.

Old Business-

- Street signs
- Website committee has a proposal to present to Tifa/DDA
- **Motion** by Jenkins, supported by Stahl that we present to Tifa/DDA the cost of design, development, and annual software and one time programming fee for a total of \$6700.00. approved roll call vote 6-0
- **Motion** by Jenkins, supported by Heuker to present to TIFA/DDA the cost of a logo design @ \$500.00. Defeated by roll call vote 5-1 Lutke casting the only yea vote.
- **Motion** by Jenkins, supported by Heethuis to present to TIFA/DDA to pay for the pages of the charter and ordinances to be put on at the outset @ a cost of \$2.00/page. Approved by roll call vote 6-0. Clerk will call Municode to see if we can get an electronic copy of ordinances from them.
- Jenkins also recommends that Lutke take the chair position on the website committee following his resignation. Lutke graciously agreed.
- Zoning – the transfer of footage between M. Heuker and T. Schepers was small enough that it didn't require paperwork. Molly Whetstone has been notified.
- Clock Placement- Clock has been set to the correct time.
- DDA/TIFA made recommendation to update bylaws to current wording of the state. Need to be presented in revision form.
- Utility – **Motion** by Lutke, supported by Heuker to accept the recommendation of our DPW supervisor and issue a run water order. Approved by roll call vote 6-0. Approximate cost of installing a meter to the Industrial Park would be \$25,000.

New Business

- Ellen's Equipment has a purchase agreement for property just outside the east city limits and would like to extend city water and sewer to their new property. **Motion** by Heethuis, supported by Lutke that the City of McBain negotiate with Riverside Township to try to establish a 425 agreement with them. Approved by roll call vote 6-0.
- DDA would like to expand the parking lot on the southeast corner of Roland and Euclid. No objection from council
- **Motion** by Stahl, supported by Lutke to change account types per recommendations of Scott Leesch from Chemical Bank to further protect city monies. Approved by roll call vote 6-0. Heidi will work with Chemical Bank over the next few months to accomplish this goal.
- **Motion** by Stahl, supported by Lutke to add mayor and mayor pro tem to the signature card at the bank. Approved by roll call vote 6-0.
- **Motion** by Heuker, supported by Stahl to nominate Heethuis as Mayor Pro Tem. Approved by roll call vote 5 yeas and Heethuis abstaining.
- **Motion** by Lutke, supported by Stahl that our city council will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month @ 7:00pm in the meeting room of the fire barn. Approved by roll call vote 6-0
- Heethuis commented that in regard to roll call voting we should be consistent about either doing it or not doing it. Lutke will research rules of order as to what is required.

Craig- new well will be called Well #5

- Michigan Rural Water determined that a stirring device will take care of the amount of sludge we have in the sewer pond.

-Presented a quote for an alarm system for the Fire and DPW building for \$5080.00 for the system plus \$1535.00 to install, received for information. Questions included grants available?, ongoing monthly cost? And budget?

- Heethuis will check into mats

Bob- will do research on the LDFA what are the pros and cons and where can we get advice before we contact lawyers. Also check into the property for sale north of the ball fields.

Mayor scheduled a Special Meeting for the 25th of February at 7:00pm at the meeting room of the fire barn to discuss the LDFA and educate ourselves about it.

Motion by Stahl, supported by Heethuis to enter closed session @10:20pm approved by roll call vote 6-0

Motion by Heethuis, supported by Heuker to return to open session @ 10:35pm approved by roll call vote 6-0

Motion by Stahl, supported by Heethuis to pay our temporary help \$10.00/ hour.

Council gave input to the contract committee for the economic developer position.

Motion by Heethuis, supported by Scholten to adjourn @ 11:05 approved by roll call vote 6-0

Marcia Smith
McBain City Clerk