

September 13, 2011

The Common Council met with Mayor John Minch for a regular meeting on Monday, September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All councilmen were present along with Attorney Bob Biberstein and Clerk-Treasurer Gwen Maller.

Mr. Jacob Werst opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence was observed for all the lives lost in the 9\11 tragedy along with a couple of local people who are seriously ill.

On a motion by Mike Poulson and a second by Ron Dull, the minutes of the August 22, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Curt Wurster and a second by Mark Wynn, the claims were unanimously approved for payment.

The Council unanimously approved by consensus to move the first meeting in October to Tuesday, October, 11th due to the City being closed Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

Mike Poulson made a motion to appoint Danna Kistler to serve on the Berne Public Library board until October 30, 2012. She would be finishing the term of Michelle (Mrs. Nathan) LeFever who vacated her position due to not meeting a city residency requirement. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

At the last meeting, Attorney Biberstein recommended going with option #2 for workman's comp insurance. Option 2 was through IPEP, which is an insurance pool, and was the higher quote. He recommended this due to some training that was included with it. After reviewing it with Marc Graber of Graber insurance, the better option seemed to be to stay with Accident Fund, a traditional work comp insurance company. Curt Wurster made a motion to rescind Mark Wynn's motion from August 22, 2011 to accept option #2 of the workman's comp quote of \$22,720.00. Ron Dull made the second and the motion to rescind the previous motion was unanimously passed. Mike Poulson made a motion to go with Option #1 (the lower quote) with Accident Fund. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Graber Insurance had offered both quotes, so they will be the City's agent for workman's comp insurance.

Mayor Minch presented the 2012-2013 CEDIT Plan to the Council. This plan is as follows:

Income		128,619.00
Expenses		
Adams Co. Econ. Dev.	16,721.	
Berne Chamber	6,000.	
Downtown Merchants	2,600.	
U.S. 27 Merchants	2,600.	
Public Safety Facility	65,000.	
Sidewalks	20,000.	
Miscellaneous Projects	15,698.	

Total Expenses		128,619.00

Mark Wynn made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 CEDIT spending plan as presented. Curt Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Gregg Sprunger reported that the Plan Commission met prior to the council meeting and unanimously approved a development plan filed by SBK Developers LLC for an 8,000 +/- sq ft commercial building on their property. They plan to use the south end of the strip mall as a restaurant, build a 1,500 sq ft. kitchen and then a 6,300 ft banquet hall that would seat around 325-350 people. The Board's approval is contingent on Commonwealth's review of storm water drainage; however the original plan for that area included 2 strip malls and a larger restaurant was approved for storm water drainage in 2007. Gregg stated that they are going to change the existing private sewer line by increasing the slope and then installing a lift station. The Council expressed their support for this project and wished them success.

Mayor Minch reported that the State Board of Accounts completed the annual exam of the City's books and there were no findings or no comments.

Jacob Werst submitted a new South Adams student governmental organizational chart. He stated that they pared down the student government and hopes to get more student involvement by having them sign up for different areas of service. He stated that September 26th is homecoming week with several activities planned.

Gwen Maller stated that the Wastewater Utility has a promissory note to the Water Utility for \$300,000 that is coming due on November 11, 2011. She stated that the note needs to be renewed. Gregg Sprunger made a motion to renew the \$300,000 promissory note to the City of Berne Water Utility from the City of Berne Wastewater Utility. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Biberstein presented a resolution to establish a sister city relationship with Trachselwald, Switzerland for the Council to review and report back at the next meeting.

Councilmen Comments

Ron Dull reported that the Park Board is working on the Harvest Festival for October 16, 2011. Several different organizations are helping out. He also reported the South Adams FFA is going to work with the Park Board to redo the volleyball court.

Mike Poulson asked what the plans were for the Poplar Street drainage project. Shannon Smitley reported that they are placing a tile in the alley way which will drain that area into the south trunk line. They will be running the line just into the park since it doesn't have any drainage. They will also be replacing a water line at the same time. Ron Dull asked if that meant if they wanted to do more drainage in the park they could connect to that line? Shannon replied that they could.

There being no other business to come before the Council and upon a motion duly made to adjourn by Mike Poulson and seconded by Curt Wurster, adjournment followed.

John F. Minch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer