

August 8, 2011

The Common Council met with Mayor John Minch for a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 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.

Kurt Dailey opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Rev. Jim Langham gave the invocation.

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curt Wurster, the minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Gregg Sprunger and a second by Mike Poulson, the claims were unanimously approved for payment.

Curt Wurster reported that the Board of Public Works approved a request from Briner Builders to barricade Berne and Behring streets on a short-term intermittent basis while they are constructing the new addition for Smith Brothers at that corner. They will place their own barricades around Railroad, Cleveland and Berne Streets to allow the traffic to flow away from the intersection. They will also allow traffic through the intersection at night. They will notify the Police department and Shannon Smitley on the days that it will be closed. They stated they may not close all the streets at the same time. Mike Poulson made a motion to approve Briner Builders request to barricade the streets in the Berne/Behring intersection during the day. Curt Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Ron Dull, Park Board President, submitted Sunday October 16, 2011 as the date for the Lehman Park Fall Festival to be held. He stated that Sunday was chosen as there weren't any Saturday's available for the pavilion. The time is tentatively set for 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. so as not to conflict with church. Mark Wynn made a motion to approve the Lehman Park Fall Festival to be held on Sunday October 16, 2011 from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mike Poulson made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Dave Burson, Sister City President, reported that the visit from Mayor Kopp and Clerk-Treasurer Meister from Trachselwald Switzerland was a success. He publically thanked Becky Sprunger for scheduling the events and Keaton Becher who did the interpreting. The guests stated that they felt very welcomed and were really impressed with the town. It was a great start to a continuing sister city relationship. Mayor Minch stated that they would like for us to draft a resolution, they will review it and then it can be approved by both parties. Ron Dull made a motion to direct Bob Biberstein to draft a resolution for a Sister City relationship with Trachselwald, Switzerland as soon as possible. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mayor Minch stated that the quotes for the 2012 Property, Liability and Workman's comp insurance were opened at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting held prior to this meeting. There were taken under advisement and a recommendation will be made to Council at the next meeting.

Mike Poulson made a motion to publish the 2012 budget. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. The budget will be published on August 22 and 29, 2011. The budget in the General Fund for 2012 is \$1,564,250 and the Street budget is \$378,200.00.

Attorney Bob Biberstein presented and read by short title the final reading of Ordinance #619. This ordinance fixes the salaries, compensation and benefit programs for 2012 of all appointed officers and employees of the City of Berne and establishes clothing allowances for the Police Department, Police Reserves and Fire Department. Curt Wurster made a motion to approve Ordinance #619. Mark Wynn made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Bob Biberstein presented and read by short title the final reading of Ordinance #620. This ordinance fixes the salaries and benefit programs for 2012 of all elected officials of the City of Berne. Ron Dull made a motion to approve Ordinance #620. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Councilmen Comments

Ron Dull wanted to publically thank the Chamber of Commerce for a great Swiss Days. He also wanted to thank all City employees who helped with the clean up.

Mayor Minch thanked Dave Burson for working with the Sister City events during Swiss Days.

Mayor Minch also wanted to thank Shannon Smitley, Ron Dull, Gregg Sprunger and anyone else that was involved in the youth baseball league.

There being no other business to come before the Council and upon a motion duly made to adjourn by Ron Dull and seconded by Mark Wynn, adjournment followed.

John F. Minch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer