

July 25, 2011

The Common Council met with Mayor John Minch for a regular meeting on Monday, July 25, 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.

Street Superintendent Gary Nussbaum opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and Council Mike Poulson gave the invocation.

On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curt Wurster, the minutes of the July 11, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Sharon Tester, Council on Aging director, came before Council to request \$3,000 be put in the 2012 budget for their van services to the elderly and disabled. She stated that they service about 40 customers from the Berne area which amounts to about 1,000 trips annually. These trips are mainly medical in nature. Mark Wynn made a motion to put the \$3,000 in the 2012 budget for van services for the Council on Aging. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mike Poulson made a motion to approve the request to close the following streets for Swiss Days:

1. City Hall Parking Lot
2. Jefferson Street from alley North of Franklin to Alley South of Water St.
3. Fulton Street at Main Street
4. Hendricks Street from Main Street to Franklin Street
5. Sprunger Street from Main Street to Water Street
6. Behring Street from Main Street to Alley
7. City parking long by Chamber
8. Main Street from Brown Street to US 27
9. Baltimore from Water Street to Main Street (Fri/Sat a.m.)
10. Jefferson Street and Sprunger Street (Saturday a.m.)
11. Compromise, Sprunger, Water, Lehman/Baltimore, Franklin and Hendricks Streets for the parade Saturday night.

Curt Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Gregg Sprunger made a motion to approve the temporary signage list for Swiss Days as follows:

1. NO PARKING FIRE LANE - both downtown alleys
2. NO PARKING ANY TIME-Baltimore Street, from Main to Water Street
3. NO PARKING ANY TIME-Washington Street from Behring to Jefferson on the north side
4. NO PARKING ANY TIME-Jackson Street from Main to Water Street
5. NO PARKING HANDICAP ONLY-South Side of Water from Sprunger to Baltimore St.
6. NO PARKING ANY TIME-Harrison Street from Main to Water Street
7. NO PARKING ANY TIME-Hendricks from Dearborn to Park Ave, Lehman from Main to Franklin Street (for parade)

Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Biberstein read Ordinance #619 by short title for its second reading. This ordinance fixes salaries, compensation and benefit programs for 2012 for all appointed officers and employees of the City of Berne and establishes clothing allowances for the police department, police reserves and fire department. Mark Wynn made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #619. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Attorney Biberstein read Ordinance #620 by short title for its second reading. This ordinance fixes the salaries and benefits programs for 2012 of all elected officials of the City of Berne. Curt Wurster made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #620. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

Mark Wynn made a motion to approve putting the City of Berne Code book online, getting 5 hard copies of the Code and no C.D.s. and if 5 additional

hard copies are a minimal cost getting those also. Gregg Sprunger made the second and the motion was unanimously passed.

The Council reviewed and discussed the 2012 budget. No official action was taken.

Councilmen Comments

Ron Dull reported that there will be a park board meeting on July 27, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. He stated that they had a park clean up day last Saturday and the park is in really good shape thanks to the part-time summer help. The Youth League will be holding an awards event on August 15, 2011 at the Pavilion along with swimming at the pool.

Mark Wynn stated that the Berne Pool hosted the conference swim meet a couple of weeks ago and it was well attended.

Mayor Minch informed the Council that the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer of Trachselwald, Switzerland, will be coming to Berne for Swiss Days. Mike Poulson made a motion to pay \$655 out of the Common Council promotional fund to help defray the costs for the Switzerland guests. Ron Dull made the second and the motion was unanimously passed. Several businesses and organizations are also donating housing and event tickets to make this visit a memorable time. Mike stated that thank you notes should be sent to all who participated in this event.

Ron Dull stated that the new sidewalk that was poured last week in front of City Hall looks great.

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

John F. Minch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Maller, Clerk-Treasurer