

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
16 September 2019

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Karen Haedge, Alderman Pos 3
John Kopycinski, Alderman Pos 5
Eric Viktorin, Alderman Elect, Pos 4
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

Shawn Farrell, Alderman Pos 2

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the Board members present, Mayor Marvin Holub called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Mayor Holub gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holub led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. There were no comments made during the public hearing and it was closed at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ◆ There were no public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub reported as follows:

- ◆ Mayor Holub reported that the road repair project has been completed. The GLO grant is still pending. A ticket has been submitted with the Railroad Commission on Texas for the railroad crossing at the four-way. The truck has been purchased and will be issued to Mark Moreno.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The auditors have finished up their review and are in the process of completing their report. Emergency Management projects are completed. Those were done to ensure funding continues for our county. Financials were reviewed and no questions were asked.

SWEAR IN NEW ALDERMAN.

Chris Young has resigned to sit on the East Bernard I.S.D.'s board. Eric Viktorin has been appointed to finish out his term. Secretary Searce gave him the oath of office and welcomed him aboard.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SUBDIVISION POLICY.

Llarance Turner with Kaluza, Inc. was present to continue discussions about the proposed subdivision policy. A few changes were made pertaining to trailer houses and carports. There was heavy discussion on lot sizes, and in conclusion, Mr. Turner felt that we had made the sizes as large as possible without legal repercussions. There was also much discussion on patio homes and was decided to increase the density to 5 acres/20 lots. Alderman Webster made a motion to move forward to legal acceptance of the subdivision policy, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2019 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 6, 2019 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Mayor Holub asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kopycinski to approve the August 19, 2019 and August 6, 2019 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-006 NOMINATING CITY OF EAST BERNARD'S HGAC REPRESENTATIVE.

Mayor Holub asked for a nomination for our representative for the Houston-Galveston Area Council. This is a one year commitment. Alderman Webster nominated Alderman Kopycinski, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The nomination carried 3-1, with Alderman Webster against. Alderman Webster will serve as Alternate.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH GRAVES, HUMPHRIES, STAHL, LTD (GHS) TO PROVIDE COURT COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

Secretary Searce presented the contract and informed the board this is a renewal of the current contract. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract between GHS and the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT BETWEEN HE CITY OF EAST BERNARD AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FAILURE TO APPEAR PROGRAM.

Secretary Searce explained that this is a program used to aid in collecting unpaid fines in the Municipal Court. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve the contract between the City of East Bernard and the Texas Department of Public Safety, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE ORDINANCE 2019-003-ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2019-2020 BUDGET.

Mayor Holub asked if there were any comments regarding the ordinance as presented. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-003 as read, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION AND VOTE TO RATIFY A TAX INCREASE OF 8% TO THE ROLLBACK RATE OF .17803.

Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to ratify a tax increase of 8% to the rollback rate of .17803/\$100, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2019-004-ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2019-2020 TAX RATE.

Mayor Holub asked if there were any comments regarding the ordinance as presented. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-004 as read, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT


Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kopycinski to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 21st day of October, A.D. 2019.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR