

City of East Bernard

Board of Alderman

Minutes of Regular Meeting

17 February 2020

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
John Kopycinski, Alderman Pos 5
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2020 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 COMMENTS

- ◆ There were no public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub reported as follows:

- ◆ Mayor Holub did not give a monthly report.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce reported that a concern of illegal dumping has been addressed by the Constable's office and we will be following up at the end of the month to ensure it has been resolved. Cyber Security training will need to be completed by June of 2020. TML Risk Pool has provided a training program. That will be given during a meeting in the next few months. Both grants are in the environmental phase. Once that phase is completed, procurement will begin. Secretary Searce asked the aldermen to begin thinking of potential candidates for the strategic planning committee. Financials were reviewed and there were no questions.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2020 REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Holub asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Webster to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL NEW ANIMAL CONTROL DOCUMENTS AND PROCEDURES.

Joel Torres, Animal Control Officer, gave a report on the animals that have been caught. In the last month, seven dogs have been captured and were being housed in East Bernard. PUPS, a nonprofit organization out of Cat Spring, has offered their services to help us with the growing needs we are seeing. They provided dog food for us, scheduled vet appointments to get the vaccinations and heartworm testing. Alderman Viktorin suggested that the indemnification be increased on the adoption agreement. Alderman Viktorin made a motion to approve the animal control documents and procedures, with the change to the indemnification, seconded by Alderman Kopycinski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PROPOSED DRAFT OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST BERNARD, EAST BERNARD LITTLE LEAGUE, AND EAST BERNARD I.S.D.

Secretary Searce submitted the first draft of a lease agreement proposed by the City of East Bernard for the use of the baseball facility at the city park. It was agreed that three years would be a sufficient period of time for the agreement. There were also a few additions made by the alderman, including a fee for after hours trips by city staff. Secretary Searce will update the draft and submit it for final review before submitting it to the other entities.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION OF WIDENING EAST STREET.

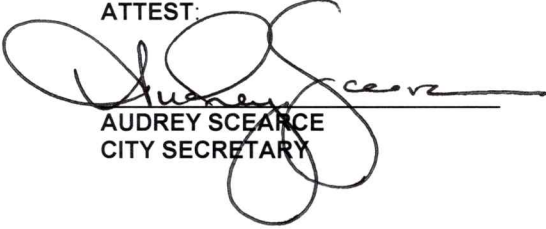
Secretary Scearce presented the recommendation by the planning commission that was made at the February 5th, 2020 planning commission meeting. Paul Manley is creating a subdivision on East Street that includes 11 new residences. The current street is not designed for that type of traffic and will need to be widened. Mr. Manley understands that it is his duty to widen it, however, it is not required that he redo the entire road. The planning commission is recommending that the city redo the entire road and allow Mr. Manley to pay for a portion of the rehabilitation of the road. Alderman Webster asked for a quote to be received before any further discussion take place. This agenda item was tabled.

ADJOURNMENT

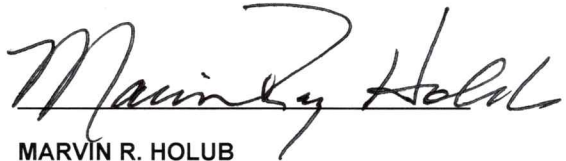
Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 23rd day of MARCH, A.D. 2020.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR