

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
22 February 2021

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Shawn Farrell, Alderman Pos 2
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
John Kopycinski, Alderman Pos 5
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

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 Tuesday, February 22, 2021 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 reported that he has a meeting with Joey Graves on February 23, 2021 to discuss upcoming projects he will begin. A truck loader was also purchased which will be used to begin our leaf removal projects.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce reported updated the Board of Aldermen on the status of the two grants. Secretary Searce also reported on the state of the city after the ice storm. There were busted pipes at the park and the pool had minor damage. Meetings with Rise Broadband were held about the possibility of fiber internet coming to East Bernard. They sound very positive in moving forward with this development. KW Industries also approached the city about the desire to expand their facilities in the Industrial Park. We will also begin audit preparations. Financials were reviewed. Alderman Viktorin voiced some concerns about street expenditures, as well as Alderman Kopycinski questioning travel expenditures. After much discussion, it was decided by the Board to create a formal purchasing policy for the city to abide by.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2021 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 Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin to approve the January 19, 2021 Regular meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE CITY POOL OPERATIONS FOR 2021.

Secretary Searce presented the board with financials of the city pool operations from the last two years. This was to aide in making the decision on operating hours. We are going to need to work on increasing use of the city pool. Several ideas were discussed. Alderman Webster made a motion to adopt the 2021 operating hours of Thursday-Sunday with the hours being 1-7 P.M., seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Alderman Webster also made a motion to adopt changes to the party policy, giving the option on longer hours, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 2018-003-BUILDING CODE AND ENFORCEMENT.

Alderman Webster asked Mayor Holub where we were with the enforcement of our building code ordinance. The city has not been able to acquire a code enforcement official and we also have to consider that we do have septic systems inside the city limits that will need inspections and monitoring that the county currently does for us as well. Mayor Holub was asked to actively

work on acquiring names of individuals that would consider working for us as a code enforcement official. This is important due to the influx of homes being built in East Bernard. There was no action taken.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION 2021-001 APPROVING AND ADOPTING AN INVESTMENT POLICY FOR 2021.

Secretary Searce presented Resolution 2021-001 approving and adopting an investment policy for 2021. There were no changes made to the policy. This is something we must adopt every year. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-001, seconded by Alderman Kopycinski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COUNTY OF WHARTON, CITIES OF WHARTON, AND EL CAMPO TO UPDATE THE CURRENT HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

Secretary Searce presented the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Wharton, City of El Campo, City of Wharton, and City of East Bernard. This is an agreement that needs to happen to update our current hazard mitigation plan that is required by FEMA. The plan must be updated every five years. We will work on the plan as a whole and split the cost accordingly. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

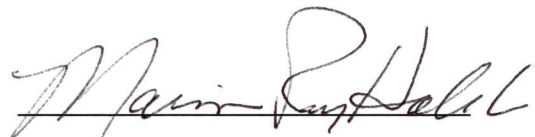
Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 19th day of APRIL, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR