

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
10 May 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
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Pos 5 Elect
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 Monday, May 10, 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 on the current drainage projects being worked on by Joey Graves. Maintenance crew is trimming trees, getting the pool facility ready for use. The pool opens May 29th. We are doing repairs to the splash pad, resurfacing the floor, and landscaping.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce updated the Board of Aldermen on the status of the two grants. The GLO grant is currently on pause with a shortage in Portland cement. As soon as we can order the quantity we need, that project will begin again. We are shooting for a completion date of July. Bids are out for the CDBG grant on FM 1164. We will hold a pre bid meeting on May 18th for all those interested in submitting. This will be their opportunity to ask questions and get clarifications. Bids will be opened on May 25th, 2021 and we will award at our next meeting. Secretary Searce also reported on her emergency management duties. Lifeguards have been trained. Financials were reviewed and no questions were asked. She also asked for prayers for the family of Dustin Chudalla who lost his battle with cancer. He was one of our reserve deputies and the staff will miss him very much.

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

TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2021-002: ORDER CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF 2021 GENERAL ELECTION.

Secretary Searce presented Ordinance 2021-002: Order Canvassing Returns and Declaring Results of 2021 General Election with the winners of the election David Tomchesson, Andrew Webster, and Jonathon A. Szymanski. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

SWEAR IN NEW ALDERMAN.

Secretary Searce swore in David Tomchesson, Andrew Webster, and Jonathon Szymanski with their terms ending May of 2023.

PRESENT PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING ALDERMAN.

On behalf of the Board of Alderman, Secretary Searce presented Alderman Kopycinski with a parting gift. Mayor Holub thanked Alderman Kopycinski for all his hard work and dedication to the City of East Bernard. His work during Hurricane Harvey will never be forgotten. Alderman Kopycinski thanked everyone for allowing him to represent the City of East Bernard.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON DRAINAGE CONCERNS THROUGHOUT EAST BERNARD.

Several people were in attendance to discuss concerns regarding our drainage. Bubba Wilcox lives on FM 1164 and really wants to know why nothing has been done in the last two years to help resolve their drainage issues. He would appreciate if the city would work together with the county and the state to come up with a solution. Josh Mayfield also spoke and believes the issues began with BSR Properties building Bernard Meadows at the corner of FM 1164 and Old Wharton Road. Just Wilcox also spoke and believes we need to review our drainage impact studies because we are in the wrong. The ditch from State Highway 60 to the San Bernard River was also discussed. It needs to also be reviewed and reconfigured. Rusty Graves, the Wharton County Drainage Supervisor, and Bud Graves, Wharton County Commissioner for Precinct Two, were in attendance. The County, TXDOT, and the City of East Bernard all understand the issues, and will try and come together to see if there are any feasible solutions.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2021-003: AMENDMENT TO THE GOLF CART ORDINANCE.

Secretary Searce presented the amended ordinance to rectify some changes in the law with our current golf cart ordinance. The new law allows owners of golf carts to register their golf carts through the DMV and obtain license plates for them. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-003 amending the golf cart ordinance, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

The playground area at the park needs additional play area mulch to be considered safe. This would require a budget amendment. Secretary Searce proposed taking the remaining balance in line 64425 P&R Landscaping and moving it to line 64501 P&R Maintenance to cover the expenditure of \$3,800. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve this budget amendment, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ELECTRICITY CONTRACT.

Mayor Holub asked this agenda item to be tabled until a further meeting. Our current contract is good through May of 2022, and he did not believe it was a matter than needed immediate attention.

ADJOURNMENT

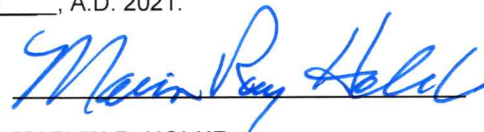
Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 21st day of JUNE, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR