

City of East Bernard

Board of Alderman

Minutes of Regular Meeting

25 July 2022

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Alderman, Pos 5
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

Richard "Richie" Domel., Alderman Pos 2

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the Board members present, Mayor Marvin Holub called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022 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 did not have a report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce updated the Board of Aldermen our two grants have been closed. Construction in the building has caused some difficulties, but City Hall is operating to the best of our abilities. Financials were reviewed and there were no questions.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Secretary Searce presented the line-item explanations that addressed changes to the budget that are routine, such as insurance, increases in pricing for services, etc. At the conclusion of the presentation, items that needed additional discussion were addressed. Maintenance staff was present to discuss items they would like to see completed next year. There are major repairs at the pool that will be needed, as we had the pool inspected and it is pulling away from the concrete surrounding it and the skimmers are malfunctioning because of it. The concrete is also becoming a tripping hazard. Repairs at the park include rehabilitating the volleyball court, concreting the picnic area, replacing landscaping ruined by the freeze, and soccer netting. Law enforcement is needing new body cameras due to legislation requirements. Other areas discussed were equipment, animal control facilities, and building maintenance. Evaluations will happen at the budget workshop set for August 2nd and finalization for most of these areas will be completed then, after more concrete figures are available.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2022 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 Viktorin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Webster to approve the June 20, 2022 Regular meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ABANDONING FRANK STREET AND JONES STREET IN THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

This agenda item was brought back to the Board of Alderman after last month's meeting when Mr. Kutach, on behalf of the Farmer's Co-Op, asked for the ability to take this agenda item to his board. Alderman Szymanski had concerns that this is a precedent that the City of East Bernard would not want to set. Destination Ford was present and said they would like the abandonment to happen due to safety concerns and to have the option to get the showroom off US90A. Mr. Kutach was unable to join the meeting and requested that he be able to address the board in person. Michele Kopecky was in attendance in support of Destination Ford. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to table to the Budget Workshop meeting, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPROVAL TO HIRE A BUILDING INSPECTION COMPANY OR A BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

Mayor Holub presented the Board with three different companies. This agenda item had been discussed at length at the last meeting. After the review of the companies, Alderman Viktorin made a motion to hire Bureau Veritas to complete inspections for the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2022-003 PROVIDING REGULATIONS OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

This ordinance is presented based on the concerns expressed at the previous meeting. This ordinance was executed by Olson & Olson and covers all areas of concern—prohibiting billboards, regulating length of temporary signs, etc. Alderman Webster made a motion to approval Ordinance 2022-003 as written, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2022-004 PROVIDING PARKING REGULATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

Alderman Scearce presented the Board of Aldermen Ordinance 2022-004 which would regulate parking within the city limits of East Bernard. A few edits were made to the presented ordinance including the length of allowable trailers and making no parking of vehicle and heavy trucks allowable at any times. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-004 with edits, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried 3-1, with Alderman Webster against.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A FIREWORKS ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

Alderman Viktorin brought this agenda item to the Board of Aldermen due to many of his neighbors and residents reaching out about concerns over the lack of fireworks restrictions. It was requested that Secretary Scearce draft an ordinance that allows fireworks in the city limits, but restricting the time of day, and banning fireworks all together during burn bans. Secretary Scearce will draft the ordinance and present to the Board for approval. No action was taken.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON UTILITY EXPANSION PROPOSAL BY KSA ENGINEERING FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT GRANT PROJECT.

This agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Secretary Scearce presented the budget amendments to cover shortages with the funds used coming from other line items with no changes to the overall budget, only line items within the budget. Alderman Tomchesson made motion to approve the budget amendments as presented, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

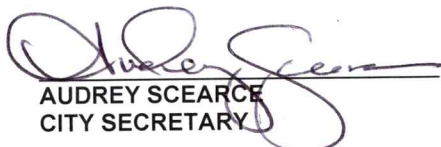
The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 8:10 p.m. There was no action taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

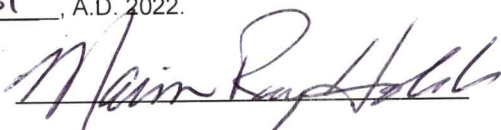
Alderman Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 15th day of AUGUST, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR