

City of East Bernard

Board of Alderman

Minutes of Special Meeting

2 August 2022

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
Jonathon A. Szymanski, 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, August 2, 2021, in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Mayor Holub led the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Holub led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ◆ There were no public comments.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Our focus for 2023 will be to continue with road rehabilitation, drainage study, and maintenance projects at the pool and park. Our highest priority is rehabilitating the volleyball court at the city park and concreting the picnic area at those facilities. We also need to rehabilitate the city pool that is now pulling away from the concrete around. We are focusing on projects that show progress to the community. We also have the American Rescue Plan Act project that will begin in the new fiscal year.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2021-22.

Secretary Searce presented the worksheets provided by the Wharton County Tax Assessor. Our current tax rate is .17000/\$100. Our no new revenue tax rate is figured to be .15819/\$100. Our voter approval tax rate is .17001/\$100. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to propose the 2022-23 tax rate as .17000/\$100, seconded by Alderman Webster. 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.

Alderman Szymanski began discussions with his concerns over this agenda item. 1) sets a bad precedent for the City of East Bernard. 2) The current state of the auto industry is vulnerable, and we have no way of knowing the success rate of the dealership here in East Bernard. 3) Optics-how would this look to the residents behind that street and with the knowledge of the mayor working for Destination Ford. He is not opposed to Ford or Destination Ford but is opposed to the abandoning streets. Alderman Viktorin also expressed his concerns over this agenda item. The other residents in the area need access to this street and do in fact use the street. He is opposed to the abandonment but thanked Destination Ford for all their community involvement. Alderman Viktorin made a motion to deny abandoning Frank Street and Jones Street, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

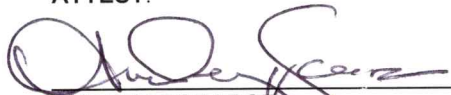
The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 7:47 p.m. The board of Alderman reviewed city personnel's evaluations and elected to give merit raises, which will be reflected in the upcoming budget.

ADJOURNMENT

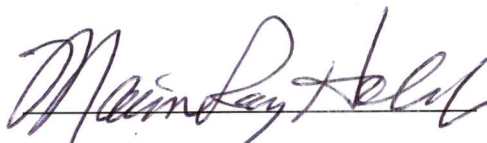
Alderman Viktorin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Webster to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR