

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
19 September 2022

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Richard "Richie" Domel., Alderman Pos 2
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Alderman, Pos 5
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3

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, September 19, 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 HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. There were no comments made during the public hearing and it was closed at 7:07 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ◆ There were no public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub reported he is receiving bids for the completion of the drainage project on Otto Street. Nelson Paving Company has started the road repairs.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce updated the Board of Aldermen that progress is happening with the American Rescue Plan Act grant. We are now entering the environmental and surveying phase of the project. This will have to be completed before we have preconstruction meetings and bids. Secretary Searce attended a CHARM workshop in Wharton that was a county-wide workshop. The workshop is facilitated by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and she believes they would be an asset to the kickoff of updating our comprehensive plan that is severely outdated. Secretary Searce also notified the Board of Alderman of an Open House for the Lower Colorado-Lavaca Regional Flood Planning Group on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at the Wharton County Courtroom Annex at 5:30 pm-7 pm to learn about the proposed regional flood plan.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15TH, 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 Szymanski to approve the August 15, 2022 Regular meeting minutes as read. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AN/OR APPROVE ORDINANCE 2022-005-ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2022-2023 BUDGET.

Secretary Searce presented Ordinance 2022-005. There were not complaints or comments made about the proposed budget and this is what is presented to be passed with Ordinance 2022-005. Alderman Viktorin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-005 adopting the 2022-23 Budget, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2022-006-ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2022-2023 TAX RATE.

Secretary Searce presented Ordinance 2022-006 which would adopt a tax rate of \$.1700/\$100, which would keep the current tax rate. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-006 adopting the 2022-23 tax rate at \$.1700/\$100, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ROAD CLOSURES ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022.

Savon Drugs is hosting their annual Back to School Bash around their business location. They have requested road closures for vendor setup and a street dancing. The road closures would be at Leveridge Street at US 90A, Leveridge Street at Church Street, and a portion of Morris Street. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve the road closures as presented, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL STREET CLOSURES ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022.

Secretary Searce explained that it has been successful in the past to close Clubside Drive for Halloween. Road Closures presented remain the same as previous year. Closures at Fitzgerald Street and Pietzsch Street for the Halloween Festival and Trunk or Treat festivities the First Baptist Church and the First United Methodist Church host, as well as portions of Clubside Drive and Edgeview Drive. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve the presented street closures, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 7:57 p.m. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to hire Lisa Pless as City Secretary for the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

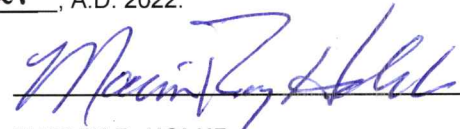
Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 17th day of October, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR