

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
20 February 2023

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Richard "Richie" Domel., Alderman Pos 2
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Alderman, Pos 5
Lisa Pless, 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, February 20th, 2023, 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

◆ None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub reported he met with a contractor regarding the potholes throughout East Bernard. Mayor Holub also went out for bids for the BBQ pits at the park. The BBQ pits at the park are rusted out and need to be fixed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Pless updated the Board of Aldermen regarding continuing education classes for Heidi Van Gossen. Heidi attended classes in Galveston for municipal court updates. Mark Moreno and Joel Torres attended training in Marshall, Tx, to obtain their pesticide applicators license, during the week of February sixth through the ninth. Both Mark Moreno and Joel Torres passed and are pending their license. Mayor Holub has been in contact with Centerpoint regarding the metal plate located at Leveridge and Fitzgerald. Centerpoint advised Mayor Holub they will come out and take a look and provide us with an update. Mayor Holub met with KSA Engineering regarding Industrial Park and the project is moving along as planned. Secretary Pless met with Russell McDougall and Debbie Cenko with Wharton County Emergency Management regarding paperwork needed to replace former Secretary Searce to Secretary Pless. Financials were presented and reviewed. Alderman Webster did question the financials for maintenance fuel. Secretary Pless advised she will have to look into the maintenance fuel and get back with them at the next meeting. Alderman Webster agreed. There were no other comments or concerns by the Board of Aldermen.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17TH, 2023 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 Szymanski to approve the January 17th, 2023, Regular meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30TH, 2023 SPECIAL 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 Szymanski to approve the January 30th, 2023, Special meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2022-00#-REGULATION OF FIREWORKS.

Secretary Pless provided the Board of Aldermen two options regarding the regulation of fireworks. The first option to consider: private fireworks would be prohibited. The second option to consider: fireworks are permissible by the city for public enjoyment. After review and discussion of both options the Board of Aldermen would like to move forward with option two with a few changes to the ordinance. The Board of Aldermen would like the extraterritorial jurisdiction removed and would like to assess an annual license fee of one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for merchants/vendors. Alderman Tomchesson made motion to table for

next meeting in order to update the additional changes. Alderman Viktorin seconded that motion. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ADDITIONAL FEES REGARDING LATE TRASH PAYMENTS AND DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS.

Secretary Pless brought this item to the Board of Aldermen attention we currently charge forty-one cents for late fees. The city currently does not take a deposit for new trash service and each month city employees are spending several hours on repossessions due to delinquent accounts. The Board of Aldermen discussed this issue and agreed changes need to be addressed. Late Fees will increase to ten dollars (\$10.00), New Service Deposit will increase to one-hundred and seventeen dollars (\$117.00), and Repossession fees: customer will have to pay balance in full plus an additional two months. The new rate will start April 1st, 2023. Alderman Webster made motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL A BURN BAN.

Alderman Domel brought this item to the Board of Alderman a possible burn ban within the city. There seems to be a lot more burning of leaves and sticks in the city when these items could be bagged and set out for trash service to pick up. The burn ban was discussed and the Board wants Secretary Pless to reach out to our city attorney to see if there is anything we can use or any state laws that would cover this concern. Alderman Szymanski made motion to table to next meeting, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON HONORING RETIRED JUDGE CYNTHIA "CINDY" KUBICEK.

Alderman Viktorin brought this item to the Board of Aldermen. Since retired Judge Kubicek gave seventeen (17) years to the city he wanted to honor her in some sort of way. It was mentioned June 20th is considered Judge Kubicek day. Alderman Webster and Alderman Viktorin mentioned they will talk with the Kubicek Family to see if they can provide us some information regarding honoring Judge Kubicek. Alderman Viktorin mentioned the Board could think about it and next meeting bring ideas on what we can do. Alderman Tomchesson made motion to table for next meeting, 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 8:28 p.m.

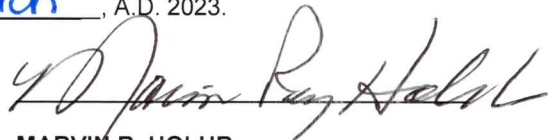
These minutes are approved on the 20th day of March, A.D. 2023.

ATTEST:

Lisa Pless

LISA PLESS
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR