

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
21 August 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, August 21st, 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

Bud Graves: spoke regarding the outdoor burn ordinance mentioning the Wharton County landfill has started to pick up and causing a traffic issue. Bud Graves is asking for a modification to the outdoor burning ordinance. Bud stated that he is up for discussion with any of the board members if they are interested.

Paul Swoboda: spoke regarding road repairs on San Bernard Drive. Paul Swoboda mentioned that he is the one driving and marking potholes with orange spray paint. He stated a lot of streets need repairs.

Brad Dixon: spoke regarding the outdoor burning ordinance stating burning is already a state ordinance. Brad Dixon stated he is considering to be disannex. Brad Dixon is asking for a service plan regarding roads. He mentioned he has started fixing roads himself to help his situation. Brad stated he wants to work with the city and not be disannex. Brad stated roads and drainage are an issue.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub has been working on estimates for several road repairs around the city.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Pless updated the Board of Aldermen about the online bill pay system seems to be going well. Industrial Park project is still in phase one. Drainage study is still pending with GLO. Permitting is moving along. Financials were presented and reviewed. There were no comments or concerns by the Board of Aldermen.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 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 Szymanski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the July 17th, 2023, Regular meeting minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR EAST STREET PROJECT.

Mayor Holub has been working on this project and is pending information from the city engineer. No action needed. Will table for next meeting.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR ROAD WORK REPAIRS.

Mayor Holub is working on an estimate for road repairs. No further action needed will be tabled for the next meeting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL TAKING OVER PRIVATE ROADWAY, RANCHERO DRIVE

Alderman Domel placed item on agenda. Alderman Domel stated several residents from Rancho Drive have come to him regarding having the city take over the private road. After discussing this item there was no motion.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF 2023-2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Alderman Webster made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Holiday schedule, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERAS

Constable JA advised the board that the current body camera provider will no longer provide body cameras and our law enforcement officers will need to move to another provider. Constable JA has found another provider and the city will only need to purchase the body cameras. After discussions the cost of the body cameras fell below the city's threshold to purchase without board approval. No motion needed.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL NEW PATROL VEHICLE

Constable JA mentioned the county has a 2023 Tahoe patrol car still pending that his office will not need. Constable JA wanted to know if the City of East Bernard needed a new patrol car. He is offering it to us first at the same purchase price he was given when the patrol care was ordered. After discussion it was tabled for the next meeting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE AND SPRAY VEHICLE

Mayor Holub has been working with Fort Bend County regarding their used auction vehicles. They have several that the city is interested in. After discussion Alderman Szymanski made a motion to pick two vehicles out and come back to the board for approval. Alderman Webster seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PERMIT DOLLAR THRESHOLD

After discussion item was tabled for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin to adjourn the regular session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 18th day of September, A.D. 2023.

ATTEST:

Lisa Pless
LISA PLESS
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Marvin Holub
MARVIN HOLUB
MAYOR