

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
20 June 2022

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
Richard "Richie" Domel, Alderman Pos 2
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Alderman, Pos 5

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, June 20, 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 reported the pool awning project is completed. A culvert was removed and replaced on Magnolia Street near the Catholic Church. The park slide has been installed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce updated the Board of Aldermen on the American Rescue Plan Act grant. We should be able to present the Board the final project scope and cost estimate by next month. KSA has been great to work with so far, and Secretary Searce is really looking forward to working with them. Pool management is going well with the new structure. Financials were reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 16, 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 Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Domel to approve the May 16, 2022 Regular meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD, TO WRITE A LETTER OF INTENT TO PURCHASE TWO (2) PATROL VEHICLES IN THE 2022-23 BUDGET.

Mayor Holub provided the Board of Aldermen information he gathered on timelines for purchasing vehicles. The timelines are unknown but can range from available at the time we call to fourteen months. Alderman Webster motioned to table the agenda item until we have more information on actual costs and all board members in attendance, seconded by Alderman Domel. The agenda item was tabled.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE BID PRESENTED BY SCHEIBE CONSULTING TO REPLACE A COLLAPSING CULVERT ON CABINET DRIVE.

Secretary Searce informed the Aldermen about the collapsing box culvert on Cabinet Drive in the Industrial Park. This was brought to the City by Rusty Graves, Wharton County Drainage Supervisor, who recommended we get a bid from Scheibe Consulting to oversee the project. Eric Scheibe submitted a bid for engineering costs only, which totaled \$45,523. Alderman Webster has approached Commissioner Graves on helping the City with this project. Commissioner Graves said he believes he could help the City with installation. Alderman Webster made a motion to reject the bid and to move forward with consulting with Commissioner Graves on completing the project for the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Domel. 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.

Mayor Holub informed the Board of Aldermen of the requested abandonment of Frank Street and Jones Street. Mr. Darrell Kutach and Mr. Rocky Brandes were present to express their disappointment that this agenda item was placed on the agenda before anyone spoke to the Farmers Co-Op who owns property on Frank Street. Destination Ford was present to explain why they felt Frank Street needs to abandon, claiming safety issues for customers and employees. Mr. Kutach asked the Board to consider tabling this agenda item, so he has time to take this agenda item to his stakeholders. Alderman Webster made a motion to table this agenda item until next meeting, seconded by Alderman Domel. 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. After much discussion, it was determined this agenda item needs to be evaluated by all Board members and was tabled until the next meeting.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON APPROVING THE MAYOR TO REQUEST BIDS FOR STREET WORK TO BE DONE IN EAST BERNARD.

Secretary Searce explained that several roads throughout the City are in need of repair and would like some input on whether we would like to choose streets to bid for completion. Alderman Domel made a motion to compile a list of streets that need repair, along with the costs to repair to submit to the Board, seconded by Alderman Webster. 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.

This agenda item was tabled for the next meeting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE 2022 BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE.


Secretary Searce presented the proposed budget workshop schedule for 2022. This schedule does not differ from the previous year's schedule. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the budget workshop schedule as presented, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

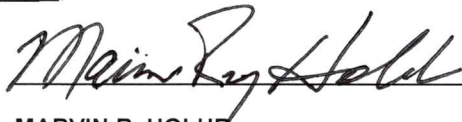
Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Domel to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 25th day of July, A.D. 2022.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR

