

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
18 May 2020

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
John Kopycinski, 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 Monday, May 18, 2020 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 as follows:

- ◆ Mayor Holub reported on the projects that have been completed and in progress. The park is reopened to the public. While it was closed due to Covid-19, we were able to do a few maintenance projects. The picnic area was reworked, and new granite was added. The picnic tables were leveled. We also cleaned up the butterfly garden, Alderman Tomchesson was able to get the fountain located in the garden working, and we mulched the trees. There were several projects completed at the pool. We cleaned the flowerbeds and mulch was replaced. The floor was resurfaced in the office. The pumphouse was painted, as well as the picnic tables. The cracks around the pool area were filled. The maintenance crew also pressured washed at both the pool and the park.
- ◆ Roads were patched and resurfaced on Clubside Drive and on Foundation Loop. Industrial Park will have two more projects completed soon.
- ◆ The City has taken over the mowing of ditches within the city limits. The Board of Alderman questioned if the new mower was purchased. Mayor Holub will purchase this week.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce reported on the city's response to Covid-19. We are fortunate to have exceptionally low numbers. We are working hard to prepare for the pool season. The lifeguards are hired and trained. Mackenzie Van Gossen will be back as the manager for the 2020 season. As of May 18, 2020, we are only allowed to operate at 25 percent, and we are not allowed to operate the splash pad. This rule limits us to 46 patrons. That should not be a problem for us. We will be screening individuals before they are allowed in the facility, as well as lifeguards. Emergency management personnel will be participating in a hurricane simulation that includes training for sheltering citizens during a pandemic. Secretary Searce also updated the Board of Aldermen on the status of the current grant projects. We have completed the environmental phase for the FM 1164 grant. We are currently acquiring the temporary easements needed for the project and resurveying participants. The GLO grant project is currently in the environmental phase. That phase is projected to be completed in August. Financials were reviewed, and there were no questions.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2020 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 Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the March 23, 2020 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 F-350.

Mayor Holub presented to the Board of Aldermen the proposal to purchase a 2015 F-350 flatbed truck to replace the 2002 Dodge flatbed. The truck has 97,600 miles, is a diesel motor, and could be purchased for \$14,900. Alderman Kopycinski expressed his concerns for the purchase of the truck. He would rather purchase a small truck for a daily driver and keep the current flatbed. He does not like the idea of using a diesel truck as a daily driver due to his concerns on idle time of the truck while patching and jobs that the flatbed is used for. Alderman Webster agreed, but did not believe we needed 4 trucks. Alderman Webster thinks we should not be driving the Dodge daily. We should only use the Dodge when its necessary. After much discussion, Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to purchase the 2015 F-350 truck contingent upon selling the Dodge, and not to exceed \$15,000. There was no second motion. The motion failed.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING


Secretary Searce presented the required approved cyber security training that is now required by House Bill 3834. This bill mandates that local government employees and public official training. The training conducted was provided by Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool. The training was facilitated by Secretary Searce.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farrell to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

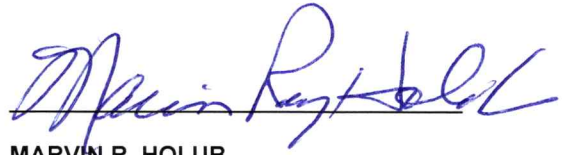
These minutes are approved on the 15th day of JUNE, A.D. 2020.

ATTEST:



AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR