

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
19 January 2021

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 Scearce, 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 Tuesday, January 19 2021 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 that he has been inspecting drainage and roads compiling a list to provide to our contractor of culverts to be cleaned, ditches that will need grading, etc.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Scearce reported on the status of the grants. The CDBG grant on 1164 is in its final stages of acquisition. The next step will be to bid the project. That should take place sometime in February with awarding happening in March. The CDBG-DR project is now in the construction phase. Construction is set to be completed in 60 days weather permitting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 16, 2020 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 Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the November 16, 2020 Regular meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES WITHIN THE CITY.

Mr. Nathan Gutowsky approached the board of aldermen about a recent incident he had with a dog attack. He wanted to make us aware of the loose and aggressive dogs that make citizen uncomfortable to walk around their neighborhood. He was concerned about the response by the local agencies regarding his dog bite that required stitches. He appreciates that the City of East Bernard's animal control ordinance but feels like most of the citizens are unaware of it. Alderman Webster asked Secretary Scearce to investigate the costs of a mass mailout to the residents with a notice of the ordinance.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2021-001 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 1, 2021.

Secretary Scearce presented Ordinance 2021-001 ordering a general election for Saturday, May 1, 2021 to election positions 1, 3, and 5. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-001 ordering the general election on May 1, 2021, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WHARTON FOR MAY 1, 2021.

Secretary Searce presented the joint election agreement to the board of aldermen. There are no changes to the agreement from previous years. Cindy Richter, Wharton County Elections Administrator will be conducting the election. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve the joint election agreement, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Mayor Holub has been compiling a list of areas that are needing attention such as collapsed culverts, washouts, ditch cleaning, etc. He has approached Joey Graves to contract with the City of East Bernard to complete the work. We have funding budgeted for this as it was discussed during budget workshops. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve contracting with Joey Graves to complete drainage projects for the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Kopycinski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to nominate David Tomchesson as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to hire Mark Tijerina as a full-time deputy for the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

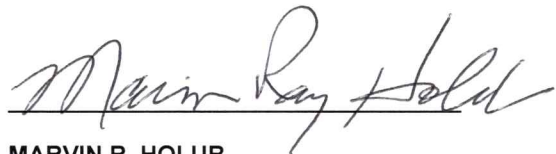
Alderman Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 19th day of February, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR