

**City of East Bernard**  
**Board of Alderman**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting**  
**4 August 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  
Jonathon A. Szymanski, 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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Holub led the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Holub led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- ◆ There were no public comments.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Our focus for 2022 will be to continue with road rehabilitation, drainage projects, and maintenance projects at the pool and park. The Board of Aldermen also discussed the potential funding of an animal shelter from PUPS. This would be a tremendous asset and more information on this is to come. Mr. Torres is in contact with the organization and will keep the board updated on this project. Alderman Webster addressed the board with suggestions to improve our property at County Road 291. It was decided that a portable bathroom would be the best route to go for the maintenance employees to have proper facilities at this location. Alderman Farrell made a motion to purchase a portable bathroom for \$2,500, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried. We also need to add a lean-to to the existing building. Mayor Holub is working on receiving estimates for the next meeting. Discussion was had about the needed roof over the seating at the City Pool. We will receive estimates for a tin roof at the City Pool. Secretary Searce addressed to board with concerns about the current condition of the electrical wiring inside the pumphouse at the pool. Cox Electrical came and inspected the wiring and said that everything will need to be replaced and is currently a hazard to our employees. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to make repairs immediately with funds from the building maintenance, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The Board of Aldermen also discussed repairs needed at the city park and the city pool. Our highest priority is rehabilitating the volleyball court at the city park and concreting the picnic area at those facilities. We also need to retile the city pool and do some minor repairs at the pool to correct tripping hazards.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FY 2021-22.**

Secretary Searce presented the worksheets provided by the Wharton County Tax Assessor. Our current tax rate is .17803/\$100. We will have to adjust the tax rate this year. Our new revenue tax rate is figured to be .16609/\$100. Our voter approval tax rate is .17196/\$100. Alderman Webster made a motion to propose the 2021-22 tax rate as .17/\$100, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 7:57 p.m. The board of Alderman reviewed city personnel's evaluations and elected to give merit raises, which will be reflected in the upcoming budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

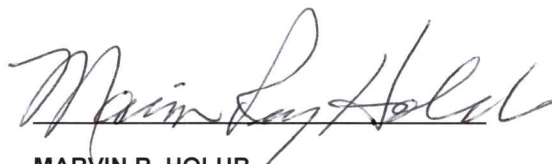
Alderman Farrell made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to adjourn the special meeting. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:

  
AUDREY SCEARCE  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
MARVIN R. HOLUB  
MAYOR