

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
16 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, 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, August 16, 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 he has requested bids for the lean-to addition on our building at County Road 291. The John Deere Zero Turn is purchased. Mayor Holub had a meeting with Paul Manley about the street expansion and that is set to begin in November.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce updated the Board of Aldermen on the audit. The in-house portion has been completed and the report is scheduled to be presented at the September meeting. The grants are moving along. The GLO grant has stalled due to an environmental concern the state has. The project is finished, but we are not allowed to draw any funds until they complete their investigation. The CDBG grant on FM 1164 is set to begin construction any day now. The project should be completed in 120 days weather permitting. The American Rescue Plan grant is still in the very early stages and a meeting with Grantworks is scheduled to begin discussions on the execution of the grant. Emergency management meetings are very active right now. We are finishing up the Hazard Mitigation Plan draft, tropical weather/hurricane watch meetings are happening often, and COVID meetings as well due to rising numbers. We will be conducting vaccination clinics at the end of the month.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2021 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 4TH, 2021 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Mayor Holub asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to approve the July 19, 2021 Regular meeting and August 4th Budget Workshop minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Secretary Searce presented the proposed 2022 Holiday Schedule. The City of East Bernard's schedule follows the County of Wharton's schedule. Alderman Farrell made a motion to approve the 2022 Holiday Schedule as presented, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET.

The 2021-22 Proposed Budget was presented to the council. It was reviewed and all previous discussions were identified and agreed upon. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the proposed budget for public review, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PLAT FEE SCHEDULE TO REPLACE PLAT FEE SCHEDULE IN ORDINANCE 2005-010.

In our previous budget workshops, it was discussed that our plat fees needed review. Secretary Scearce reached out to Kaluza Inc. to seek advice on such fees. Presented to the board, was their recommendation. It is a plat fee schedule similar to what surrounding areas are using. It was decided that we should present it to our attorney to review and seek their recommendation before we amend the ordinance. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the change to our plat fee schedule and pursue revisions by Olson & Olson, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ROAD CLOSURE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL BASH ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021.

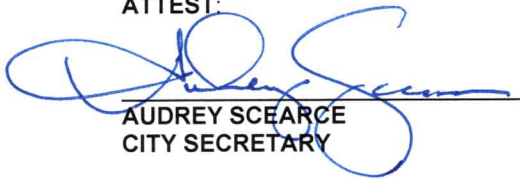
Tammy Alexander is seeking approval for a road closure for her event on September 25, 2021. The road closure would begin at 9:00 A.M. and would remain for the rest of the day. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the road closure on Saturday, September 25, 2021, seconded by Alderman Farrell. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

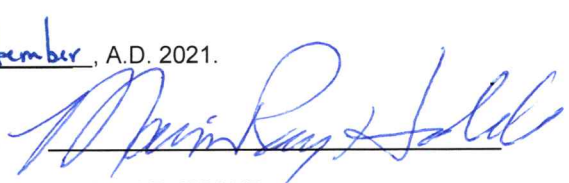
Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 20th day of September, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR