

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
17 July 2023

Present:

David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Richard "Richie" Domel., Alderman Pos 2
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Eric Viktorin, Alderman, Pos 4
Jonathon A. Szymanski, Alderman, Pos 5

Lisa Pless, City Secretary

Absent:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the Board members present, Mayor Pro-Tem David Tomchesson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17th, 2023, in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro-Tem Tomchesson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Tomchesson led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Valerie Grigar wants to hold a swim clinic at the East Bernard Pool to see if there would be any interest in bringing a swim club to East Bernard. Valerie is a graduate from East Bernard High School and was on the swim team while attending East Bernard. She mentioned there are several East Bernard kids traveling to Fulshear and Wharton for swimming. The clinics would be held in August. Mayor Pro-Tem Tomchesson requested the Board of Alderman vote on allowing her more time to speak. Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pro-Tem Tomchesson didn't have anything to report. Mayor Pro-Tem Tomchesson was stepping in as Mayor Holub was on vacation.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Pless updated the Board of Aldermen since we didn't have a quorum for June 2023, they will notice in the agenda packet the financials for June and July. Online Bill Pay is now available for our citizens to pay their trash statement online. Texas Pride Holiday Schedule was reviewed with Texas Pride and Texas Pride did update their holiday schedule and did not notify the City of East Bernard. The City of East Bernard is waiting for Texas Pride to provide us with a new document for our records. The drainage study is still pending with the State of Texas. The City of East Bernard has taken over permitting as of July 5th and citizens will be made aware later in the month. The Industrial Park project is still moving along with the first phase of design work. Financials were presented and reviewed for June and July. There were no comments or concerns by the Board of Aldermen.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE May 15TH, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.

Mayor Pro-Tem Tomchesson asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Szymanski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin to approve the May 15th, 2023, Regular meeting minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE MAINTENANCE.

Secretary Pless brought to the Board of Alderman consideration maintenance on Officer Ezernack patrol car. Officer Ezernack had his patrol car looked at and was given estimates from Precision Auto in East Bernard that the transmission was going out. Precision Auto provided three estimates, two for transmission rebuilds and one for a new transmission. The estimate was between four thousand nine hundred sixty-five dollars (\$4965.00) to six thousand nine hundred thirty-one dollars (\$6931.00). The Board of Alderman discussed the options of rebuilding the transmission vs new transmission. The Board of Alderman

wanted another quote from Caney Auto in Wharton. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to have a new transmission placed in Office Ezernacks patrol car, to obtain an estimate from Caney Auto, and to move forward with Precision Auto or Caney Auto if the estimates do not exceed over six thousand nine hundred and thirty-one dollars. Alderman Viktorin second the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR EAST STREET PROJECT

Item added by Mayor Holub. Alderman Viktorin made motion to table for next meeting since Mayor Holub was unable to attend, second by Alderman Webster. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION FOR TML MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

Secretary Pless updated Board of Alderman regarding the increase in TML medical insurance rates and plan benefits. Secretary Pless advised TML sent notification of these rates in July. Secretary Pless is requesting an approval for these rates and benefit plan increase for the new 2023-2024 fiscal year. If not approved the City of East Bernard employees could run the risk of not having medical insurance. Secretary Pless also advised she will reach out to other medical insurance representatives to shop the market and compare rates. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve TML current rates and for Secretary Pless to shop the medical insurance market, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion approved with Alderman Webster; Alderman Domel voted AYE. Alderman Szymanski voted NAY. Alderman Viktorin abstained.

DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING UPGRADING SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE PARK

Item added by Alderman Viktorin: It was mentioned the park did not have a volleyball net set up. Secretary Pless advised the volleyball net had been stolen back in April and the city was going to wait closer to volleyball season to purchase a net. Secretary Pless mentioned the current park cameras are not that great and our city employees could not make out who stole the net. It was also noted that the pool currently does not have any camera available. Secretary Pless stated we can consider for our budget workshop. Alderman Viktorin made motion to move this to budget workshop, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 08:25 p.m

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Domel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Viktorin to adjourn the executive session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 21st day of August, A.D. 2023.

ATTEST:

Lisa Pless
LISA PLESS
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Marvin Ray Holub
MARVIN HOLUB
MAYOR