

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
18 September 2023

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
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:

David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1

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, September 18th, 2023, 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 HEARING

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. There were comments made during the public hearing regarding how the rates are set. No other comments and public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub was working on budget and road repairs around the city.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Pless was working budget for 2023-2024 fiscal year. She updated the Board of Alderman regarding TML medical insurance rates along with working with East Bernard High Schools work program.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21ST, 2023 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 Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to approve the August 21st, 2023 Regular meeting minutes as read. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2023 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 Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Szymanski to approve the August 28th, 2023 Special meeting minutes as read. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AN/OR APPROVE ORDINANCE 2023-005-ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2023-2024 BUDGET.

Secretary Pless presented Ordinance 2023-005. There were no complaints or comments made about the proposed budget and this is what is presented to be passed with Ordinance 2023-005. Alderman Viktorin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-005 adopting the 2023-24 Budget, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2023-006-ORDINANCE ADOPTING 2023-2024 TAX RATE.

Secretary Pless (agenda item was amended to add) presented Ordinance 2023-006 which would adopt a tax rate of \$.16191/\$100, which would keep the current tax rate. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-006 adopting the 2023-24 tax rate at \$.16191/\$100, seconded by Alderman Viktorin. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ROAD CLOSURES ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Savon Drugs is hosting their annual Back to School Bash around their business location. They have requested road closures for vendor setup and street dancing. The road closures would be at Leveridge Street at US 90A and Leveridge Street Morris Street. Alderman Szymanski made a motion to approve the road closures as presented, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL 4H FLAG PROJECT

Madilyn Corder with East Bernard 4-H presented the Board of Alderman with a 4H flag project. Their project is called "Flags down 90". This project honors the veterans in our community and East Bernard 4H will set out donated flags along Hwy 90 on Independence Day, Army Day, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. East Bernard 4H will reach out to individuals and local business owners for flag donations. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve Flags down 90 project, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT BODY CAMERAS

Constable JA advised the Board of Alderman the new body cameras will cost more than expected. At last meeting Constable JA thought the city would only need two body cameras. After further conversations with Safe Fleet the package will include two body cameras, a docking station, five-year software and hardware warranty with technical support. Replacement cameras at the end of a twenty-four (24) and forty-eight (48) months. Alderman Viktorin made a motion to approve the new body camera rates, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE AND SPRAY VEHICLE

Mayor Holub has been working with Fort Bend County regarding their used auction vehicles. Mayor Holub has provided the Board of Alderman with two vehicles for approval. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve purchase, seconded by Alderman Szymanski. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Viktorin made a motion, seconded by Alderman Webster to adjourn the regular session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 16th day of October, A.D. 2023.

ATTEST:

Lisa Pless

LISA PLESS
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

Marvin Holub

MARVIN HOLUB
MAYOR