

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
20 June 2016

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
Dale Toellner, Alderman Pos 1
Alex Warncke, Alderman Pos 2
Wes Murrile, Alderman Pos 4
Charlie Bucek, Alderman Pos 5
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

Caton Hammock, Alderman Pos 3

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, June 20, 2016 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 informed the board he has been trying to contact the district representative from Union Pacific Railroad about the removal of the railroad ties. He has been working on this for several weeks and has not been able to get in contact with the right person. He has been given several different names and phone numbers. He will continue to work on this.
- ◆ Landscaping at the pool is almost complete. The park landscaping is in the process of being completed. Mulch will be placed around the roses and the trees and the flower beds will be worked over. Upcoming project for the park is the painting of the railings.
- ◆ There are still street and drainage projects that need to be completed. We have 4 drainage projects that are high priority and one street project from the previous year that has not been completed.
- ◆ Marvin asked Katie Kubes, pool manager, to share her report for the last month at the pool. She distributed a monthly total of passes and concessions, along with a list of new things the pool is offering. She complimented the maintenance men for all their help keeping the facilities clean and in good working condition. She has implemented a new lifeguard of the week program to give the lifeguards an incentive to stay focused and go the extra mile for the pool. She is very pleased with her staff and says everything is running very smoothly. Alderman Toellner complimented her for all her hard work and dedication. Patti Daniel also stated that the pool is a wonderful place to go and that she is impressed with how neat and clean the facility is.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Audrey Searce reported to the board the status of the FM 1164 sewer project. Secretary Searce gave an overview of the project for the new board members and notified the board the project is on track and should be completed by August. The project has a deadline of October 2016 and the contractor, Supak Construction, does not feel that we should have any problems meeting the deadline. We will need to begin applying for a grant to complete the second phase of this project in order to finish hooking up remaining qualifying homes in the area. Splash Day was a huge success with us selling more passes than we have in the past. The Backyard Bash did not have a wonderful turnout but that was due to the weather. Those that participated in the events all had a wonderful time and would like to form a committee to make the event bigger and better. That committee should be formed through the Chamber of Commerce. The City of East Bernard will still be a part of the event, but the committee will plan. More information on that will be coming in the fall. Secretary Searce informed the board the audit for fiscal year 2014-2015 is happening now. There should be a CAFR to review next month. Some expenses that were noted was the flood cleanup and law enforcement vehicle repair. Those expenses were unforeseen.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable Szymanski reported that last Monday during a regularly scheduled Commissioners' Court meeting it was approved to donate a F-250 truck to the City of East Bernard for animal control. This will be a huge benefit for the Constable's Office as they receive several calls regarding animal related issues. June is a travel month so it is a slower time for the town, but patrolling is still running normal. The deputies are taking some vacation. Alderman Bucek asked Szymanski how to avoid making East Bernard a speed trap. Constable Szymanski informed the board that East Bernard is in no way a speed trap and that the officers are enforcing the proper laws and patrolling more than just the highways. He also explained his system that evaluates their patrol patterns and amount of time spent in parts of town. This allows him to make sure his deputies are doing their job properly.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MAY 16, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Mayor Holub asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Murrile made a motion, seconded by Alderman Warncke to approve the May 16, 2016 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY CAMERAS FOR THE EAST BERNARD CITY PARK.

Mayor Holub introduced the need for security cameras again after this agenda item had been tabled in April. He explained the bid from Eagle Pro so that the board had a better understanding of what area the cameras would be covering. Constable Szymanski and Deputy Constable House were in attendance and feel that it would be a very smart idea for security cameras to be put in place. There has been some vandalism, stolen vehicles, and a runaway incident that have happened. It would give us more to investigate with and would be very beneficial. Alderman Murrile had questions about privacy for the surrounding neighbors. Mayor Holub assured the board that the cameras would only record inside the park and the road. It would not invade the neighbors' privacy. Alderman Toellner expressed his approval for this agenda item, and would like the constable's office and the city hall to have direct access via internet. Alderman Warncke expressed the need to add an additional view on the entrance near the batting cages. Alderman Toellner made a motion to accept the Eagle Pro Option 3 bid with an additional camera on the entrance near the batting cages and internet access, seconded by Alderman Murrile. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE STREET REPAIR PROJECT ON CABINET STREET/FOUNDATION LOOP.

Mayor Holub explained the bid presented by King Construction to repair Cabinet Street and Foundation Loop in the Industrial Park. The first thing that needs to happen is the lengthening of two culverts. Currently, the turns are two sharp for the trucks to make and it is causing major problems with the integrity of the road. It is then proposed to repair the road at the intersection of Cabinet and Foundation Loop and Cabinet and CR 291. The material removed from those areas will be used to crown areas of Foundation Loop. Alderman Bucek made a motion to accept the bid, with an additional portion of Cabinet Road to be repaired, seconded by Alderman Toellner. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL INSTALLATION OF AN AWNING FOR THE CITY POOL.

Mayor Marvin Holub presented the two separate bids for two different types of awnings for the pergola at the city pool. The first bid was a tin roof for \$3,000. The second bid was a custom shade panel for \$3,650. After much discussion on the pros and cons of both bids; Alderman Toellner made a motion to accept the bid for the custom shade panel with grommets every 12" around perimeter in a royal blue color, seconded by Alderman Warncke. The motion carried with a 3-1 vote with Alderman Murrile voting against.

ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Mayor Holub explained that we vote for a mayor pro-tem each year and also the duties of the position. Alderman Murrile made a motion to elect Dale Toellner as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Alderman Warncke. The motion carried 3-1, with Alderman Bucek voting against.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor Holub explained that now is the time to begin working on the budget for the next fiscal year. A proposed budget has to be presented no later than August 29th. He also explained this meeting was just the brainstorming night and in a few weeks, we will meet again to discuss figures and more on the budget. Some items discussed were lighting, new patrol unit for our deputies, records retention software, automation at the city pool, excavator, tractor, bat-wing shredder, dump trailer/bed, rainy day fund, insurance, and internet upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Toellner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Warncke, to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

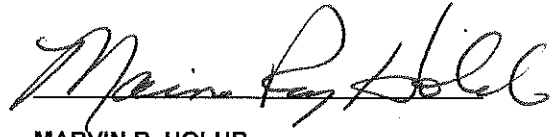
These minutes are approved on the 4th day of August, A.D. 2016.

ATTEST:



AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR