

**City of East Bernard**  
**Board of Alderman**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**19 September 2016**

**Present:**

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor  
Dale Toellner, Alderman Pos 1  
Alex Warncke, Alderman Pos 2  
Caton Hammock, Alderman Pos 3  
Wes Murrile, Alderman Pos 4  
Charlie Bucek, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19th, 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 HEARING**

The public hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. There were no comments made during the public hearing and it was closed at 7:03 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- ◆ There were no public comments.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Holub reported as follows:

- ◆ Mayor Holub did not make a report during this meeting.

**CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Audrey Searce reported Heidi Van Gossen was hired as the new deputy court clerk for the City of East Bernard. She was present to meet the council. The pool season ended September 4, 2016. The season was a successful one. The sewer project is complete. We have one more payment to receive. Phase II will happen when we receive funding through another grant. The planning commission will be reviewing a few more subdivisions. Secretary Searce shared information provided by the County Judge regarding street repairs and the costs associated with it. Vacek's Hardware will have a grand opening on the 24th and the 1st of October. The ribbon cutting will be September 24th at 11 a.m. Shop the Block on December 1st and the Christmas Parade will be December 8th at 7 p.m. The theme is Hometown Heroes. The grand marshal will be our local veterans. Alderman Warncke asked about the reported sales tax figures versus the budget. Alderman Warncke asked about cameras at the park and wanted to make sure we received all that were budgeted for. Alderman Bucek asked about election expenses.

**CONSTABLE'S REPORT**

Constable Szymanski was absent.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE AUGUST 15, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.**

Mayor Holub asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. Alderman Bucek made a motion to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes as read, seconded by Alderman Warncke. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON PETITION AGAINST SPEED BUMPS/HUMPS ON LIVE OAK LANE.**

Donald Buxkemper addressed the council with his concerns on speed bumps or humps. He read excerpts from minutes written on the July 18, 2016 and August 4, 2016 meetings. The second petition from the residents on Sycamore Circle came in after the matter was voted on. He had several questions with the action taken on the bumps. Questions included the following: Is the original petition even valid to install so-called speed bumps?, Was there enough research performed to determine if

speed bumps or humps are even justified and needed?, There must be some form of "speed hump policy" to determine a need for speed humps. He summed up his objection to the speed bumps by asking the council to reconsider their original decision. Roland Orsak also addressed the council on his feelings about the proposed speed humps on Live Oak Lane. Mr. Orsak stated that in no way does anyone want a child to be harmed by a vehicle. He expressed that he does not feel that the council has done their due diligence. He is concerned that this will set a precedent for the city and other requests are going to happen. Alderman Murrile spoke and said the original petition was viewed from a personal point of view and he had concern for the safety of children. He does not feel that due diligence was done, but felt that speed humps were a good solution. After we were notified that there was another petition, he began to have some concerns. Alderman Hammock did agree that their was not enough time to research and produce a proper policy, nor give the opposing side enough time to respond. Alderman Toellner spoke on the fact that this is becoming a "front versus back". He still has concerns on the speed used on this street. Alderman Warncke addressed the board with information he had regarding speed hump policies. Alderman Hammock made a motion to put speed hump/bump on hold and get policy created, seconded by Alderman Toellner. The motion carried by unanimous vote. Alderman Hammock made a motion to research lowering speed limit, seconded by Toellner. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2017.**

Secretary Searce presented the council with the proposed Holiday Schedule. This holiday schedule is the same the county of Wharton follows. The City of East Bernard has followed this schedule in previous years. Alderman Toellner made a motion to approve the holiday schedule as provided, seconded by Alderman Murrile. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Special Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned and the Regular Session was reconvened at 8:55 p.m. There was no action taken during the executive session.

**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 8:56 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, A.D. 2016.

ATTEST:

  
AUDREY SCEARCE  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
MARVIN R. HOLUB  
MAYOR