

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
18 September 2017

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Alex Warncke, Alderman Pos 2
Karen Hedged, Alderman Pos 3
Wes Murrile, Alderman Pos 4
John Kopycinski, 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 18, 2017 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 reminded Alderman that there will be a Special Meeting in the Budget, Monday, September 25, at 7 p.m. Mayor Holub updated everyone on storm debris removal, stating, there are only seven more homes to be picked up, and that will be completed by Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Joel and Tommy are picking up appliances, and chemicals, such as paint, will be the last items to be picked up. All debris removal be will be completed on Friday, and the City should receive 100% reimbursement by the government.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mayor Holub reported that the City Secretary report was that Audrey Searce and baby Annleigh are home from the hospital and are doing well.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE AUGUST 21, 2017 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 Tomchesson to approve the August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY'S 2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Mayor Holub presented the 2018 Holiday schedule. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve the Holiday schedule as read, seconded by Alderman Haedg. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2017-007, TEMPORARELY SUSPENDING THE ORDINANCE 2004-018, TO PERMIT TEMPORARY HOUSING.

Mayor Holub explained that this Ordinance will allow use of a Camper, or Travel Trailer to be used as temporary housing. There are two stipulations, must be a City of East Bernard resident, and affected by the flood. The Ordinance is to be in effect for 120 days, if the City needs to, it can be extended the time. Alderman Haedg asked if this was, "while the home owner worked on fixing their home and then it will have to go?", Mayor Holub stated that after repairs are completed, it can sit there but cannot be hooked up to water and sewer, that situation reverts to the old Ordinance 2004-018. Alderman Murrile asked if on section four of the Ordinance, can the City add the wording, "the City has the right to inspect and reject"? Mayor Holub explained that the wording was according to recommendations by the City attorney, and that the Wharton County W.C.I.D #2 will have the right to inspect and reject utility connections. Alderman Tomchesson

asked if the 120 days will take the City thru to December, it was then explained, by Mayor Holub, that after the 120 days the Alderman will vote to permanently suspend the Ordinance 2017-007. Alderman Haedge asked if people needed to come to City Hall and register, or get a permit for Trailers and Campers, or do they just park it and the city finds out later. It was explained that the City has no permitting department, the City really has no way to register or permit. Alderman Tomchesson stated that if they pull it in to their driveway and can hook up to water and electricity, where is the nearest dump station for sewage of Travel Trailers? Mayor Holub stated that Hungerford, at Love's Truck Stop has a dump station. Alderman Murrile requested it be noted, the language is weak, if someone hooked their own water and electricity up, and the City states in the wording of the Ordinance the "right to inspect and to reject", the City may have better legal ground to deal with these issues. Mayor Holub stated that the Water District has the right to inspect and reject city water and sewer if the situation arises. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve, Alderman Murrile seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murrile to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 16th day of Oct., A.D. 2017.

ATTEST:

Audrey Searce
AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY
Zéidi VanDusen

APPROVED:

Marvin R. Holub
MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR