

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
20 November 2017

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Karen Haedge, Alderman Pos 3
Wes Murrile, Alderman Pos 4
John Kopycinski, Alderman Pos 5
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

Absent:

Alex Warncke, Alderman Pos 2

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, November 20, 2017 in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Mayor Holub gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The visiting Boy Scout Troop 785 led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ◆ There were no public comments.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Holub reported as follows:

- ◆ Mayor Holub recognized the local Boy Scouts who were in attendance to earn their Citizenship Badge.
- ◆ We have passed the state level for our Economic Development Administration grant and it will be presented to the Federal panel on Wednesday, November 29th. We will know if we will receive the funds on or after December 1st. We have until December 17, 2017 to finalize the TCF grant.
- ◆ The documentation needed for reimbursement for debris removal have been filed. We should qualify for 100% reimbursement.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce reported the bank accounts are reconciled through October. Next month, the final expenses for FY 2016 should be ready. She commending the job done by Heidi Van Gossen while she was on maternity leave.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE OCTOBER 16, 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 Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Murrile to approve October 18, 2017 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE MEANS OF TRASH COLLECTION FOR THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD.

Mayor Holub introduced Jeffrey Davis of Heil of Texas to discuss options the City of East Bernard has in regard to trash pick-up. He reviewed the pros and cons of in house trash pick up versus contracting with a company. He also discussed the different equipment options he can offer the city. Alderman Murrile expressed concerns about the timing of implementing a program, complaints and the perspective of citizens.

DISCUSS AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC. FOR INSPECTION SERVICES.

Mayor Holub explained that Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. can offer us services to handle our building inspections and substandard structure issues. There is no cost to the city to enter into the agreement. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to enter into an agreement for services by Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2017-006-FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

This ordinance is required to update the current ordinance with the new FEMA maps and to rename Monica Martin as our Floodplain Administrator. This is required for FEMA purposes. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-006, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, seconded by Alderman Haedge. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION 2017-010 APPOINTING CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE.

Our current C.A.D. representative is Mr. A.C. Grahmann. His term is expiring. Mayor Holub suggested to the council to re-appoint Mr. Grahmann as the City of East Bernard's representative on the Wharton County Central Appraisal District Board. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to appoint A.C. Grahmann as representative for the City of East Bernard, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 18th day of December, A.D. 2017.

ATTEST:



AUDREY SCÉARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR