

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
19 March 2018

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Alex Warncke, Alderman Pos 2
Karen Haedge, 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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 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 updated the board of alderman on projects completed in the last month. Projects at the pool are being completed. Fans have been installed and work on landscaping will begin soon.
- ◆ Mayor Holub spoke to Mr. James King and the approved drainage projects should begin soon. Once drainage is complete, then we will begin work on streets.
- ◆ Mayor Holub discussed his top priorities with the board. Those are raising the culverts in Weaver 1 addition, begin issuing permits through City Hall, and finding more grants to help complete needed projects.
- ◆ Mayor Holub will be attending a HGAC meeting to discuss the Coastal Preservation Study completed by the Corp of Engineers and will be attending his required Public Investment Training in Austin.
- ◆ Mayor Holub attended a meeting that discussed the current status of TXDOT projects in our surrounding area. U.S. 90A project is scheduled to begin in September of this year.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce discussed her Emergency Management meetings and the work being done to help prepare East Bernard for the next disaster. She also discussed her goals for the following month. No questions were asked regarding the financials presented during the meeting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 SPECIAL 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 February 15, 2018 Special Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote, with Alderman Kopycinski not present for the vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ACCEPTANCE THE CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES.

Secretary Searce presented the certification of unopposed candidates to the Board of Alderman. Marvin Holub, Chris Young, and Shawn Farrell were unopposed and will not have any opposition in the 2018 General Election. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to accept the unopposed candidates, seconded by Alderman Murrile. The motion carried by unanimous vote, with Alderman Kopycinski not present for the vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2018-002 CANCELLING THE GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 5, 2018.

Mayor Holub presented Ordinance 2018-002 cancelling a general election to take place on May 5, 2018. The positions unopposed are as follows: Mayor, Alderman, Position 2, and Alderman, Position 4. There are no propositions for this election. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-002 cancelling the election for May 5, 2018, seconded by Alderman Warncke. The motion carried by unanimous vote, with Alderman Kopycinski not present for the vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL 2018-003 ADOPTING 2015 INTERNATIONAL CODE OF COUNCIL BUILDING CODES.

Mayor Holub presented Ordinance 2018-003 seeking to adopt the 2015 ICC Building Codes. We have seen an increase in construction in the City and need to make sure we are up to date on our standards. We will begin looking into permitting the construction and remodeling of homes in our city to make sure our building standards are being enforced. Alderman Warncke made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-003 adopting 2015 International Code of Council Building Codes, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion passed 3-1, with Alderman Kopycinski not present for the vote, and Alderman Murrile against.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION ON CONCERNS WITH ANIMAL CONTROL IN EAST BERNARD.

ACO Torres was present to discuss his concerns with the current animal ordinance. The cat population is overwhelming, and we are not equipped to handle it. The non-registration of animals is also an issue. Suggestions were discussed, and it was decided that restructuring the ordinance may need to be done to make it easier for ACO Torres to enforce. No action was taken on this agenda item.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION TO ACCEPT AND AWARD BID FOR TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES IN EAST BERNARD.

Mayor Holub opened and read aloud the only bid that the City of East Bernard received for trash collection services. The company providing the bid was Texas Pride Disposal. Each Alderman was provided a copy of the bid. After much discussion, it was decided more information on billing and the necessary software was needed. The agenda item was tabled.

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 8:09 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 16th day of April, A.D. 2018.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEABCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR