

**City of East Bernard**  
**Board of Alderman**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**16 July 2018**

**Present:**

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor  
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1  
Shawn Farrell, Alderman Pos 2  
Chris Young, Alderman Pos 4  
John Kopycinski, Alderman Pos 5  
Audrey Searce, City Secretary

**Absent:**

Karen Haedge, Alderman Pos 3

**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, July 16, 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 the drainage project that was approved in 2016 on Clubside Drive has been completed by Supak Construction. A utility trailer was purchased for the maintenance crew and two new Tahoes were purchased for our deputies. We had only planned on purchasing one, but Mayor Holub found a set that had hail damage and we were able to get them at a discounted price, therefore, he purchased both.

**CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Searce reported Deputy Ezernack now has a K-9 deputy with him. Her name is Lily and is currently in training. There should be no additional expense to the City of East Bernard. Our FEMA refund for debris removal has been deposited. Secretary Searce will begin to review ordinances and create a list for review. It will be up to the Alderman to decide which ordinances get revised first. There were no questions regarding the financials provided.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 18, 2018 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 Kopycinski made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the June 18, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AS ADMINISTERED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.**

It is time for the City of East Bernard to consider applying for a CDBG grant. We are still needing to connect homes to the sewer system that was installed on FM 1164 in 2016. That project was approved in 2014. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to issue requests for proposals and qualification for administration of the grant, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL TO COMPLETE STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON LEVERIDGE STREET.**

This part of the project was approved in August of 2016, but the new bid includes a few additional improvements. There was much discussion about the increase in cost. After further review of the project and our needed improvements in the future, Alderman Tomchesson made a motion that we proceed with this project and allow Supak Construction to complete the work, seconded by Alderman Kopycinski. The motion carried 4-1, with Alderman Young against.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 8:07 p.m. The evaluations were reviewed and approved. The Board of Alderman will look into including raises for employees in the new budget.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Secretary Searce presented a guideline of needs and future projects for the City of East Bernard. Discussion on the budget really focused on drainage projects and obtaining equipment to make us more self-sufficient. Secretary Searce will begin to prepare the budget with Mayor Holub. We will have a rough draft of the proposed budget by the next workshop to be held on August 13, 2018 at 6 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Farrell to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, A.D. 2018.

ATTEST:



AUDREY SCEARCE  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



MARVIN R. HOLUB  
MAYOR