

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
20 August 2018

Present:

Marvin R. Holub, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Shawn Farrell, Alderman Pos 2
Karen Haedge, Alderman Pos 3
Chris Young, 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, August 20, 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 Leveridge Street drainage project has been completed. The maintenance staff has been very busy completing their summer maintenance tasks. We have closed out one project with FEMA and all other projects have been approved. We will have to complete the culvert construction on Twin Oaks and then that project should be closed out. Supak Construction will be looking at the project and giving us a bid on it. Dell will be here later this month to complete the server installation. The software for trash billing is in and Heidi and Audrey are working on getting that ready to go. Trash receptacles are expected to arrive the week of August 20, and our first pick up will be September 4th.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Searce reported ordinances were reviewed. There are eight ordinances that need reviewing are the subdivision policy, mobile home, curfew, public nuisance, sex offender, sexually oriented businesses, fireworks, and use of signs. The first ordinances to be reviewed will be the public nuisance, subdivision policy, and mobile home ordinance. Emergency management officials have continued to meet and are working on coming up with a realistic emergency plan for the county. Financials were reviewed and there were no questions.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable J.A. Szymanski reported on the school traffic for this year. There will be a lot of transitioning as changes are going to be occurring due to the new construction. With all the changes, Constable Szymanski feels that traffic control ran relatively smooth. Deputies will be out all week to ensure proper pick up and drop off. Constable Szymanski reported that he is very pleased with his deputies' performance. We have had several arrests and the new K-9 is doing very well in training. The ticket count is lower than normal, but more warnings are being produced. Alderman Headge addressed concerns citizens have with Constable Szymanski regarding illegal U-turns during pick up and drop off and also parking issues. She also had questions regarding golf carts and ATVs. Secretary Searce will research and get with her on that.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF THE JULY 16, 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 July 16, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ADOPTION RESOLUTION 2018-02 DESIGNATING A MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDER FOR APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2019-2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AS ADMINISTERED BY TDA.

Grantworks was the only administration company to answer our RFQ for services for the administration of the upcoming 2019-2020 CDBG application. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02 designating Grantworks, Inc. as the management provider for the application and project implementation of the 2019-2020 community development funds administered by TDA, seconded by Alderman Young. 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.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW 2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET

Secretary Searce presented the proposed budget and asked for any feedback. There was no discussion. Alderman Headge did want to make sure that the income generated by the trash services would be used on roads only. Mayor Holub told her that can be arranged. Secretary Searce will be posting the budget on the website for public review for the next month, as required by local government code.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Secretary Searce presented the proposed holiday schedule for the City of East Bernard. It has one additional holiday than the approved holiday schedule approved by the Commissioners' Court for Wharton County. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve the 2019 holiday schedule, seconded by Alderman Young. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL FOR DETOUR ON S URBANEC STREET ON 3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR CARE.

Mayor Holub has been approached by the management of the CARE organization, who assists those in need in our area, to allow them to have a temporary road closure during their pick-up time. Alderman Haedge and Alderman Farrell have volunteered with the organization and agree this would be beneficial. Alderman Kopycinski made a motion to approve the road closure on a trial basis and we will review if it is beneficial, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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 7:46 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 17th day of September, A.D. 2018.

ATTEST:


AUDREY SCEARCE
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


MARVIN R. HOLUB
MAYOR