

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
13 January 2025

Present:

Lance Rejsek, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Richie Domel, Alderman Pos 2
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3
Ryan Woodward, Alderman Pos 4
Renee Norton, City Secretary

Absent:

Jonathon Szymanski, Alderman Pos 5

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the Board members present, Mayor Lance Rejsek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025 in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Mayor Rejsek gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rejsek led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Rejsek reported as follows:

The following is the mayor's report for the month of January 2025.

- Pietzsch Street repairs have been completed. As well, Fitzgerald Street, where the water district repaired their sewer line, has also been repaired. Finally, the four way by the fire station has been repaired as well.
- Christmas decorations and banners were installed along main street for Christmas and will be taken down next week.
- Job descriptions for all city positions have been updated.
- Participated in conference call with Tellepsen regarding the battery packs being installed in the vacant lot across from Amegy.
- Tex Dot cleaned the curbs along Hwy 90.
- Working with Creative Impressions to install logos on the two new city vehicles.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Provided an update on the dog's at Sonma's Haven.
- Update on the police vehicles

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable Szymanski was not present.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21, 2024 MEETING.

Mayor Rejsek asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. Alderman Domel thought we had tabled Agenda item #2 which was to discuss and take any possible action on the ARPA grant allocation. After further review, we did not table the item. We ended the ARPA grant at 90%. Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomchesson to approve the October 21, 2024 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING.

Mayor Rejsek asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Thomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Domel to approve the November 18, 2024 minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2025-001 ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 3, 2025.

Mayor Rejsek presented Ordinance 2025-001 ordering a general election for Saturday May 3, 2025 to election positions 1, 3, 5. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Thomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WHARTON FOR THE MAY 3, 2025 ELECTION.

Mayor Rejsek presented the joint election agreement. There are no changes to the agreement from previous years. Marsha Barbee, Wharton County Elections Administrator will be conducting the election. Alderman Thomchesson made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Woodward. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RATIFY EMERGENCY FIX OF OIL LEAK ON 2018 TAHOE.

Mayor Rejsek presented the invoice to fix the oil leak in the Constables 2018 Tahoe. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion carries 3-1 with Alderman Webster against.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PURCHASE NEW INTELLIFLO POOL PUMP.

Mayor Rejsek presented the quote for a new intelliflo pool pump to replace the one that went out at the pool. Alderman Domel made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carries 3-1 with Alderman Woodward against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL POURING CONCRETE FOR THE DOG KENNELS AT CR 291.

Mayor Rejsek highlighted the necessity of pouring concrete for the dog kennels at CR 291. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carries 3-1 with Alderman Woodward against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF A REPOSSESSION FEE FOR TRASH CANS, AS WELL AS TRANSITIONING TO QUARTERLY BILLING

Mayor Rejsek proposed implementing a repossession fee to cover the cost of our team's time spent picking up and returning trash cans due to delinquent accounts. He also suggested the possibility of switching from monthly to quarterly billing. Alderman Webster mentioned that they had talked about the trash in a previous meeting and implemented new fees. Secretary Norton had found minutes in February 2023 addressing trash payments. It was decided that anyone who has their trash can repossessed will forfeit their deposit and will need to provide a new one. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve enforcing the February 2023 minutes and also to include the penalty of losing the deposit for any repossessed trash cans, and not to proceed with quarterly billing. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RATIFY ROAD REPAIR AT THE INTERSECTION AT DAN/CLUBSIDE/LEVRIDGE STREET.

Mayor Rejsek presented the invoice where the intersection was worked on at Dan St./Leveridge St./and Clubside St. repairing the road while Waller was in town fixing Pietzsch St. Alderman Domel made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL FOR BIDS FOR CERTAIN CROSS STREETS IN THE CITY FOR PAVING.

Mayor Rejsek presented some intersections that need to be repaved. Alderman Woodward made a motion to table the motion pending further information to be presented, seconded by Alderman Thomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. and the Regular Session was reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

1. Alderman Webster made a motion to not sell the property at County Road 291 at this time, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.
2. Alderman Thomchesson moved to create a new position: Operations Manager, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Woodward to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


These minutes are approved on the 24 day of February, A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:



RENEE NORTON
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR