

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
17 March 2025

Present:

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

Absent:

Ryan Woodward, Alderman Pos 4
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, February 24, 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

The following is the mayor's report for the March 2025 meeting.

- Attended Wharton County Day at the State Capital on Tuesday, February 25th.
- Spoke to M&M regarding the asphalt warranty work on Ella Street in the Schumann subdivision. I am meeting with them on March 20th to discuss the warranty and to schedule the work. I will be speaking with them as well about their chip seal process to determine if that is a viable solution for a few roads within the city.
- Spoke with Prosperity regarding a "City Hall" sign above the main entry, reworking the flowerbeds, status of the extra office, and the installation of blinds for the Secretary's office.
- Reached out to both car dealerships to better understand their contracts with the railroad and determine if linear footage is mentioned. The large number of vehicles parked alongside the tracks gives the town the appearance of a massive used car lot.
- Renee and I met with the City Manager, Planning Manager, and the Executive Coordinator of Fulshear to discuss their growth experiences. Given the significant growth that Fulshear has experienced over the past decade, we felt it prudent to discuss with the current mayor any strategies or lessons learned that might help guide our own planning efforts.
- Attached a map of all roads in which potholes have been filled. Making progress.
- We need to assess whether the current fees for pool access are adequate or if they should be raised to cover increasing costs. More details regarding the expenses and income from last year will be presented at the April meeting.
- Took the police vehicles to Guys Auto Repair in Rosenberg. Guy is from East Bernard. He did not charge us for labor on the first vehicle repaired. The total cost was a little over \$200 for parts.
- Less expensive asphalt was ordered and will be used on the larger sections of road that require larger repairs.
- Held our first monthly meeting with JA and the Constables.
- A total of 62,500 pounds of asphalt has been shoveled so far in repairing potholes throughout the city.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

The following is the Secretary's report for the month of March 2025.

- The City has been chosen for the next phase of the TX Dot grant application for our East Bernard Main Street Transportation Plan. The team from Ardurra has been amazing and incredibly helpful. They will help complete the next phase, which will determine whether we can move on to the next round.
- There was a citizen turn in a claim for a damaged wheel as a result of a pothole. The claim was submitted to TML for consideration.
- Phoenix Update: The front lobby camera has been installed, and the transition to the cloud is scheduled to happen soon.
- Update APRPA grant-We received the final signed amendment from KSA. Jessica from Grantworks will be meeting with us on Tuesday to discuss the next step in getting the police vehicles.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable Szymanski was not present.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2025 MEETING.

Mayor Rejsek 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 Webster to approve the February 24, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR THE QUOTE FROM SEALY TO RESURFACE INTERSECTIONS.

Mayor Rejsek presented the quote from Sealy Paving listing 7 intersections to be resurfaced. One correction to the quote is to the intersection which shows West St./Wallace. It should be Ray St./Wallace St. Mayor Rejsek stated that WCID#2 will assist with covering part of the cost for repairs at the Magnolia St./Morris St. and Magnolia St./Hwy 90A intersections. Alderman Domel made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TX DOT.

Mayor Rejsek presented the Municipal Maintenance Agreement with TX Dot. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TINY HOMES.

Mayor Rejsek proposed the idea of creating an ordinance to regulate tiny homes within the city limits. Alderman Domel inquired about the potential downsides of permitting them in the city. Mayor Rejsek highlighted tax revenue and the potential for developing tiny home communities. Alderman Webster suggested looking at how other cities handle tiny homes. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR DONATION BINS.

Mayor Rejsek presented the idea of possibly creating an ordinance for the donation bins around the city. Mayor Rejsek asked if we should regulate them or ban them. There could be a fee created to have them and an administrative fee. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to table until next meeting, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE TREE TRIMMING QUOTE.

Mayor Rejsek presented two quotes for trimming the trees at the park. Alderman Webster noticed that one quote showed 12 more trees than the second quote. Those extra trees were actually the crepe myrtles. Mayor Rejsek did a cost analysis per tree. Alderman Domel wanted to know if it was more work than our guys could take on. Mayor Rejsek said yes. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the tree trimming quote for \$3,000, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE QUOTE TO REPAIR FOR THE KUBOTA LAWN MOWER.

Mayor Rejsek presented the quote to have the Kubota lawn mower repaired that was used at the pool. Alderman Domel asked if the lawn mower was worth saving. Mayor Rejsek said that yes it was as it would only require minor repairs and is still in good condition. Alderman Domel motioned to approve, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND RATIFY PURCHASE OF ASPHALT FOR POTHOLE REPAIRS.

Mayor Rejsek presented the invoice for the purchase of asphalt. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the purchase of asphalt without bringing to council, Alderman Domel seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to adjourn the Regular session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

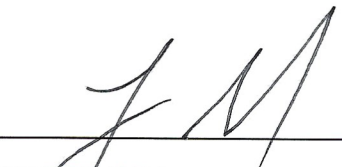
These minutes are approved on the 28th day of April, A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:



RENEE NORTON
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR