

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
23 June 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
Brad Crist, Alderman Pos 5
Renee Norton, City Secretary

Absent:

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, June 23, 2025 in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Joel Torres gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rejsek led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Dillian Duncan approached the Board of Alderman to express his concerns regarding drainage on East St. He asked that the Board to consider looking at the ditches on East St.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

June 23, 2025

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

- Gathering bids for Clubside Dr. repairs; contractors are currently booked about two months out.
- Met with an individual to get a bid on resurfacing the sidewalks along main street. The city is currently applying for a grant for main street active transportation which might include resurfacing of the sidewalks.
- In discussions with Shoppa's regarding a used 15-foot boom shredder to mow the large ditch along the railroad tracks and other ditches throughout town.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

*The City met with Wharton Emergency Management, Wharton County Sherriff, East Bernard Fire Department, and Wharton County Constable office to begin discussions on disaster preparedness and response measures within the city.

*Would the Alderman be available to meet for a permits workshop on July 17th?

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable Szymanski discussed the recent meeting held with the city and mentioned that the Constables participated in training this month.

MAINTENCE REPORT

Mr. Moreno delivered the maintenance report, noting that the city addressed pothole repairs, sign replacements, and upkeep at the pool.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 19, 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 May 19, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ALLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY (CHURCH, SCHOOL, ETC.) TO RECEIVE PERMITS FOR FIREWORK SHOWS.

Mayor Rejsek proposed the idea of allowing community organizations such as churches, schools, and similar groups to host fireworks displays. Alderman Webster expressed support for the concept but emphasized the need to establish clear guidelines. Alderman Domel stated he was not opposed, provided the events take place on larger properties and not near residential areas. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve the issuance of permits for firework shows to organizations within the community, requiring a minimum of 15 acres, and allowing the displays to occur on either July 4th or New Year's Eve, seconded by Alderman Crist. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AWARD SUBMITTED BIDS FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND DISASTER DEBRIS MONITORING.

Mayor Rejsek and Alderman Domel reviewed and scored the submitted proposals. Mayor Rejsek reported that CTC received the highest score for Debris Removal, while TLC received the highest score for Debris Monitoring. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve for CTC Debris Removal and TLC Monitoring, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR ON WHETHER TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR THE SOLID WASTE CONTRACT.

Mayor Rejsek asked for consideration of soliciting bids for the Solid Waste Contract. Alderman Webster made a motion to take no action, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL KING CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS BID FOR REPAIR TO CABINET RD. BRIDGE.

Mayor Rejsek presented Mr. King's quote. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Mayor Rejsek presented the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Alderman Tomchesson moved to table the item pending additional information, Alderman Crist seconded. 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 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 21st day of July, A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:



RENEE NORTON
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR