City of East Bernard

Board of Alderman

Minutes of Regular Meeting

18 August 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 6:01 p.m. on Monday, August 18, 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
None

MAYOR'S REPORT
The following is the mayor's report for the August 2025 meeting.

- The bridge at cabinet road has been installed. Mr. King will wait for the area to settle then will come back and lay asphalt.
- We travelled to Wallis to speak to their animal control officer and to look at their kennels.
- Met with Mr. Prochaska to provide feedback on the first rendition of the layout of city hall.
- I-Ticket will be used to automate the upload process of the citations.
- Created a Beautification Committee to assist with beautification projects within the city.
- The slide and rope climb have been repaired at the city park.
- Have been in contact with H&C Construction, a hot mix and chip seal specialist based in Shiner TX. They handle road paving for Shiner, Schulenberg, Weimar and Flatonia and will also be submitting a bid for our road repairs.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

*I attended the county-wide school safety meeting.
*The follow-up meeting to finalize discussions regarding the tiny homes is scheduled for August 21st. I will provide an update at the September meeting.
*The pool season will conclude on August 24th.
*A reminder: there will be a permits meeting on September 8th at 6:00 p.m. Safebuilt representatives will be in attendance to answer any questions.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT
Not present

MAINTENCE REPORT
Mr. Moreno provided the maintenance update: Trees were trimmed around town, the city demoed a boom shredder which will help with maintaining the large ditches around town. Contacted 811 Dig for the rail road right of way to be marked to ensure

people erecting signs do not hit utilities. Sprayed hedges on Main Street. Poles that mark pipelines along the railroad right of way will be repaired as they have been knocked down.

ANIMAL REPORT

Mr. Torres delivered the Animal Control report.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DANE BREITENWISCHER FOR COMPLETION OF EAGLE SCHOUT PROJECT-PARK BENCHES.

Mayor Rejsek discussed that Dane Breitenwischer completed his eagle scout project which was wooden benches that were placed at the park. A proclamation was presented to Mr. Breitenwischer.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 21, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 4, 2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP.

Mayor Rejsek asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the July 21, 2025 minutes and August 4, 2025. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL STREET CLOSURE FOR LEVERIDGE ST. ON OCTOBER 10, 2025 FROM 4:30 P.M.- 7:30 P.M. FOR THE SOUPER TAILGATE EVENT.

Secretary Norton announced that the Class of 2026 will host the Souper Tailgate event on October 10, 2025. The event will take place at the old Gala factory, and road closures will follow the map provided by Mrs. Steplock. Mayor Rejsek suggested moving the south barricade located on Leveridge St closer to Seydler St. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Crist. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Secretary Norton presented the proposed 2026 Holiday Schedule, which included no changes to the holidays provided to staff. Alderman Webster moved to approve the schedule, with a second by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW 2025-26 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Mayor Rejsek presented 2025-26 proposed budget. Alderman Webster made a motion to present the budget as written for public review, seconded by Alderman Crist. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL QUOTE FROM MAINTAIN-X WORK ORDER PROGRAM.

Mayor Rejsek presented a quote from the Maintain-X work order program, noting that the goal is to streamline communication and work orders. Alderman Webster expressed concern about the cost, while Alderman Tomchesson remarked that a work order system had been used in the past. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve the quote with 5 licenses, seconded by Alderman Crist. The motion carries 4-1 with Alderman Tomchesson against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL QUOTES ON BOOM SHREDDER.

Mayor Rejsek presented a quote for the purchase of a boom shredder. The Council previously tested a used model from Shoppa's, but it lacked the necessary reach to effectively mow the ditches. Alderman Crist recommended that the Council consider the differences in warranty between a new and used unit. Alderman Woodward inquired about how frequently the equipment would be used each year. Mayor Rejsek responded that it would be used frequently, especially during the rainy season. Alderman Domel made a motion to purchase the Diamond boom shredder, with the condition that any additional costs be communicated to the Council. The motion was seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL QUOTES FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS.

Mayor Rejsek presented two quotes for converting the existing volleyball courts at the park into three pickleball courts. He noted that AAA completed similar courts in Eagle Lake. With the company Build My Court, there would be an additional cost for maroon and grey coloring. Alderman Crist suggested verifying whether a moisture barrier was installed beneath the concrete when it was originally poured. Alderman Tomchesson stated that the concrete was poured directly over sand and also recommended confirming with Parks and Wildlife whether the volleyball court can be modified, as it was part of a grant-funded project. Alderman Webster made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2025-007 CREATING THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE.

Mayor Rejsek presented Ordinance 2025-007, establishing the City of East Bernard Beautification Committee. Patty Daniels has volunteered to lead the committee. Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Woodward. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ENTRANCE SIGN DESIGNS FOR THE CITY.

Mayor Rejsek shared several design options for new signs to be placed at the four entrances to town. Alderman Woodward inquired whether the signs could be installed within the right-of-way. Alderman Webster asked about the materials that would be used to ensure durability, suggesting powder-coated metal as a suitable option. Mayor Rejsek also noted that he had spoken with the high school art teacher to involve students in submitting design ideas. Alderman Webster made a motion to table, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF EAST BERNARD AND SPOT.

Secretary Norton presented the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of East Bernard and SPOT. Alderman Woodward made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE QUOTE TO REPLACE THE POOL SAND FILTERS.

Mayor Rejsek presented the quote to replace the pool sand filters. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion passed 4-1, Alderman Webster against.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AN EXTENSTION OF THE RFP DEADLINE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

Mayor Rejsek recommended approving an extension of the solid waste collection contract, noting that only one bid had been submitted. Alderman Webster made a motion to extend the deadline to August 29, 2025, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7: 28 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 8:36 p.m. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to table the interlocal agreement between City of East Bernard and Wharton County Constables office for law enforcement protection.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crist to adjourn the Regular session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 22nd day of Sept, A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:

Renee Norton

RENEE NORTON
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR