

City of East Bernard

Board of Alderman

Minutes of Regular Meeting

14 October 2025

Present:

Lance Rejsek, Mayor
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1
Richie Domel, Alderman Pos 2
Ryan Woodward, Alderman Pos 4
Brad Crist, Alderman Pos 5
Renee Norton, City Secretary

Absent:

Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3

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, October 14, 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

Susan Tomchesson presented to the Council that she attended the WCID#2 Town Hall meeting. She felt that the meeting did not give enough information for the citizens to have a clear picture of what would be included in the bond. She would like the City to look at taking over the water district.

MAYOR'S REPORT

October 14, 2025

Police Vehicles

The police vehicles have been delivered to the company in Magnolia for the installation of emergency lights and sirens. The project is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete for both vehicles.

Battery Storage Facility

A conference call was held with the company developing the battery storage facility on Highway 60, across from Amegy Bank. The project team reported that they are switching to a more efficient battery type while keeping all other design elements the same. An updated plat will be provided to the City reflecting any adjustments to the overall project layout.

WCID Town Hall Meeting

City staff and several aldermen attended the citywide town hall meeting regarding the bonds being requested by the WCID. The proposed bonds are intended to fund upgrades to the City's aging infrastructure, some of which is now more than 50 years old.

TxDOT Coordination

At TxDOT's request, the City assisted with trimming the large oak trees along Highway 90A. This work was necessary to raise the canopy height due to low-hanging branches that were interfering with oversized loads traveling through town.

Parks and Recreation

A child was injured while riding a scooter at the city park after falling on a section of sidewalk that had become raised. The child suffered a broken arm. The area had previously been marked with yellow paint; however, the marking had faded over time. City staff have since refreshed the yellow markings around the raised section to clearly identify the hazard. The City is working to have the sidewalk section raised and repaired to prevent similar incidents in the future.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

*The employees will be trying out a new work schedule. Office staff will work 4 10s and the maintenance staff will try a 9/80 schedule. We will alternate people being off so that someone will always be here.

*Update on Cabinet Road Grant: It seems to be moving forward but very slowly.
*TWS start on October 6th.

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

*Charles Ezernack is no longer an employee with City of East Bernard.
*The new Tahoes were dropped off to get everything installed on them.
*Roderic Taylor will be working part-time.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Moreno provided the maintenance update: The ditches were sprayed throughout the City. A power pole was installed on Main St. across from Glory Bean. Yellow lines were sprayed at the park for the uneven concrete. The new Tahoes were wrapped with the decals.

ANIMAL REPORT

Mr. Torres delivered the Animal Control report. We had a donation of food.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, REGULAR 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 Crist to approve the September 22, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL STREET CLOSURES OCTOBER 31, 2025.

Mayor Rejsek presented that Clubside Drive will be the only closure this year. The road closure will start at 5:30 and end at dark. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Crist. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL QUOTES TO REPAIR HLAVINKA ST., KOYM ST., CABINET RD., AND CLUBSIDE DR.

Mayor Rejsek presented the quotes received from three companies to repair Hlavinka St., Koym St., Cabinet Rd., and Clubside Dr. Alderman Woodward asked if we could split the roads up and use different companies for the different roads. Mayor Rejsek said we could. Mayor Rejsek presented the quotes for Hlavinka St. Alderman Crist moved to award Sealy Asphalt for Hlavinka St., seconded by Alderman Woodward. Mayor Rejsek presented the quotes for Koym St. Alderman Domel moved to award H&C Road Solutions 2 course surface treatment for Koym St., seconded by Alderman Crist. Mayor Rejsek presented quotes for Cabinet Rd. Alderman Crist moved to award H&C Road Solutions 2 course surface treatment for Cabinet Rd., seconded by Alderman Domel. Mayor Rejsek presented quotes for Clubside Dr. Alderman Tomchesson moved to award H&C Road Solutions 2 course surface treatment for Clubside Dr., seconded by Alderman Woodward. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Regular Meeting was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION, RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

The Executive Session was adjourned, and the Regular Session was reconvened at 7:38 p.m. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to the start hiring process for another Constable, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Woodward to adjourn the Regular session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 17th day of November, A.D. 2025.

ATTEST:


RENEE NORTON
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR