

**City of East Bernard**  
**Board of Alderman**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**15 December 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, December 15, 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**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

December 15, 2025

**Police Vehicles**

Both vehicles have been delivered; however, the center consoles for each have not yet arrived. They are expected to be delivered by the 17th, and once they arrive, the installation company will come onsite to complete the installations.

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**TxDOT**

TxDOT has the rumble strips for the 4-way intersection on order, and they will be installed as soon as they are received. In addition, I will be sending an email requesting that red trim be added to several of the speed limit signs along Hwy 90A. I will also be requesting the installation of a speed monitoring sign—similar to those seen when entering Ellinger—to be placed below the 30 mph speed limit signs on Hwy 90A to alert drivers of their current speed. I will also inquire with TxDOT to determine whether a study has been conducted on the 4-way intersection to assess the need for a traffic signal.

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**Fitzgerald Street**

Jeffrey Vinklarek, District Engineer with TxDOT – Yokum District reached out to the city via e-mail to discuss the BRAHMAS – BRAHMARETTES which is painted between the school buildings on Fitzgerald St.

On July 1, 2025, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced the SAFE ROADS Initiative (Safe Arterials for Everyone through Reliable Operations and Distraction-Reducing Strategies). The initiative emphasizes that intersections and crosswalks should be “kept free from distractions,” including political messages, artwork, or any other non-standard markings that may compromise safety. This aligns with longstanding FHWA guidance regarding colored pavement. See FHWA Interpretation Letter 3(09)-24(l) (2013).

Pavement markings such as decorative crosswalks, murals, or markings conveying artwork or other messages are prohibited on travel lanes, shoulders, intersections, and crosswalks unless they serve a direct traffic control or safety function. This prohibition includes the use of symbols, flags, or other markings conveying any message or communications.

Failure to comply may result in:

- Withholding or denial of state or federal funding
  
- Suspension of agreements between TxDOT and the local jurisdiction
  
- Required removal or modification of non-compliant markings on roads that are part of the state highway system or funded through TxDOT-administered programs

The City has been asked to provide a statement by the end of this week outlining how we will comply with the requirements. Accordingly, we have been advised to acknowledge the existing markings and confirm that they will not be refreshed. Please keep in mind this is a Federal policy and has nothing to do with the City.

### CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

December 15, 2025

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

\*For January's meeting, the third Monday is on a holiday. Can we move the meeting to January 26<sup>th</sup>?

\*I am still working on the grant application for GLO.

### CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Not present

### MAINTENCE REPORT

Mr. Moreno provided the maintenance update: The Christmas tree and lights were installed on main street. The lights were picked up for the parade and certain streets were barricaded. After the parade was over, the trash was picked up along the highway along with FM 2919. The second constable car was picked up after the installations were done from Magnolia. The park was sprayed for weeds.

### ANIMAL REPORT

Not present

### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 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 November 17, 2025 minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE USAGE OF THE CITY POOL FOR A SWIM PROGRAM.

Secretary Norton presented Tiffany Young to discuss usage of the city pool for a swim team. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve looking into a partnership with the school for a swim team, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE QUOTES SUBMITTED FOR THE LIGHTS AT THE PICKLEBALL COURT.

Mayor Rejsek presented the quotes submitted to install lights at the pickleball court. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the quote by Your Electrical Services upon verification of using steel pipe at least 24' tall, seconded by Alderman Woodward. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL DESIGNS FOR THE 4-WAY SIGN.

Mayor Rejsek presented the designs presented from the East Bernard Junior/High school students. Alderman Tomchesson moved table the design approvals, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

### DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CAMPING AND SLEEPING IN PUBLIC PLACES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE GENERAL WELFARE, PRESERVING THE SAFE USE OF PUBLIC SPACES, AND MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF TEXAS HOUSE BILL 1925 (2021).

Mayor Rejsek presented that Alderman Woodward wanted to look at a possible ordinance regulating the camping and sleeping in public places. Alderman Crist suggested looking at other cities to see how they handle similar situations. Alderman Woodward made a motion to table this discussion to draft an ordinance, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1, with Alderman Webster opposed.

### DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND ASSESS WHEHTER REVISIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ENSURE THEY COMPREHENSIVELY ADDRESS THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO SAFEGUARD THE CITY AND ITS CITIZENS: JUNKED VEHICLES, PARKING ORDINANCE, SIGN ORDINANCE, GOLF CARD ORDINANCE, SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUISNESSES, PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Mayor Rejsek presented that Alderman Crist would like review the ordinances to ensure they comprehensively address the measures necessary to safeguard the city and its citizens. It was suggested that one Alderman each month study and review an ordinance and present it to Council. Alderman Crist will start next month with Public Nuisance. Alderman Tomchesson moved to continue review and updating the Ordinances, and the motion was seconded by Alderman Woodward. The motion passed unanimously.

### DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO RATIFY THE KOLOGIK CONTRACT.

Secretary Norton presented the Kologik contract, which covers the upload of municipal tickets into our system. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. 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 7:35 p.m.

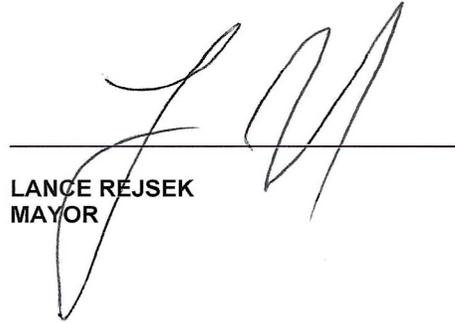
These minutes are approved on the 26th day of January, A.D. 2026.

ATTEST:



RENEE NORTON  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



LANCE REJSEK  
MAYOR