

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
13 April 2026

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, April 13, 2026 in the Union Room of the Prosperity Bank Building.

INVOCATION

Lance Rejsek gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rejsek led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PERMITS WORKSHOP

Mayor Rejsek introduced representatives from SAFEbuilt to provide a presentation regarding permits. The permit workshop concluded at 7:27 p.m. During the workshop, SAFEbuilt answered various questions from both citizens and contractors. SAFEbuilt provided thorough and detailed responses, and it was agreed that the contractors, the City, and SAFEbuilt would meet to further determine the requirements for both residential and commercial building permits. A second workshop will then be held where this information will be presented to the Council, who will vote on the final permit requirements.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTION ON ITEMS INTRODUCED IN THE PERMIT WORKSHOP

Mayor Rejsek reviewed the discussion regarding the creation of a permit requirement list, noting that the State of Texas has established standards with which the City should remain compliant. Discussion also included allowing residents to complete certain work themselves versus requiring licensed contractors to perform the work, as well as the need to provide clear and separate permit requirement lists for commercial and residential projects. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion to table the item and wait for the second permit workshop before taking action, seconded by Alderman Domel. The motion to carried unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL ORDINANCE 2026-004 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TINY HOMES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF EAST BERNARD.

Mayor Rejsek introduced Andrea Chan, the City Attorney, to address the Council. Ms. Chan advised the Council to consider updating the City's building codes to ensure compliance with State standards. She also noted that the current Tiny Home ordinance lists lot sizes that are double the size of a standard lot and suggested the Council review those requirements. Additional discussion included maintaining the same setback requirements as those required for single-family homes and reviewing regulations related to prefabricated homes to provide more specific details within the ordinance. Alderman Domel made a motion to table the item, seconded by Alderman Crist. The motion to table carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Domel to adjourn the Special session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the 18th day of May, A.D. 2026.

ATTEST:


RENEE NORTON/CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:



LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR