

City of East Bernard
Board of Alderman
Minutes of Regular Meeting
18 May 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
Becky V. Schmidt, Alderman Pos 4
Brad Crist, Alderman Pos 5
Renee Norton, City Secretary

Absent:

None

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, May 18, 2026 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

Speed Limit Signs

At my request, TXDOT has installed two new 30 MPH speed limit signs with red borders on Main Street as part of another effort to slow traffic. Hopefully, these signs will be more noticeable than the standard ones.

Tuesday Evening Bike Rides

The City will be hosting community bike rides every Tuesday evening at 7pm during the months of June and July. The rides will start at the parking lot of the Pullin Gym and will go throughout town for approximately 30 minutes.

CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT

CONSTABLE'S REPORT

Constable Szymanski mentioned that Jimmy started a month ago and asked if we could update the golf cart sheets for the officers to pass out.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Mr. Moreno was not present, so Secretary Norton presented his written report. Approximately 10,000 pounds of asphalt work was completed. The crew has been preparing for pool season. Boom mowing was performed in various ditches, and spraying was conducted throughout the area. Mosquito spraying was completed twice; however, the fogger malfunctioned and broke down.

ANIMAL REPORT

Mr. Torres reported that an Animal Welfare Committee meeting was held, a dog that was found was reunited with its owner, and the Dollar Store donated some food.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.

Mayor Rejsek asked if there were any corrections or concerns about the minutes as read. There was no discussion of the minutes. Alderman Crist made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the April 13, 2026 minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2026 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 Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to approve the April 27, 2026 minutes. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

SWEAR IN NEW ALDERMAN

Judge Glenn Russell swore in Mayor Lance Rejsek, Alderman Richie Domel, and Alderman Becky V Schmidt with their terms ending May of 2028.

PRESENTATION TO OUTGOING ALDERMAN

Mayor Rejsek presented Alderman Woodward with a parting gift. Mayor Rejsek thanked Alderman Woodward for his hard work and dedication to the City of East Bernard.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY POSSIBLE ACTION TO REWORK, UPDATE, AND REDO THE 4 WAY SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF HWY 90 AND HWY 60.

Walt Boettcher presented three design concepts for the four-way sign project. Discussion included utility placement, landscaping, signage, and decorative additions. Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to move forward with Option #1 (Silo) and Option #2 (double sided). The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE 2021-003 RELATED TO GOLF CART REGULATIONS.

Mayor Rejsek discussed amending the golf cart ordinance to allow golf carts crossing at Highway 90 and 60 and remove Leveridge St. from the prohibited roadway list. Additional discussion included insurance requirements and enforcement considerations. Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Brad Crist, to amend the ordinance to remove Leveridge Street, permit crossing at Highway 90 and Highway 60, and add proof of insurance requirements. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RENEWING THE CONTRACT WITH SAFEUILT.

Mayor Rejsek presented the Safeuilt contract for commercial and residential permitting. Alderman Crist made a motion to approve Safeuilt contract, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion was carried 4-1 vote with Alderman Webster opposed.

DISCUSS AND RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF POLY CARTS AND THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL POLY CARTS WITHOUT APPROVAL.

Mayor Resjek discussed the need for flexibility when purchasing additional poly carts. Alderman Domel made a motion, seconded by Alderman Crist, to ratify the invoice and authorize the City to purchase additional poly carts as needed. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES AND ASSESS WHETHER REVISIONS ARE REQUIRED.

Alderman Crist reviewed nuisance ordinance concerns including tall grass, weeds, mosquitoes, unsanitary conditions, and abandoned or improperly parked vehicles. Discussion also included cleanup assistance, enforcement measures, and possible economic development incentives. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

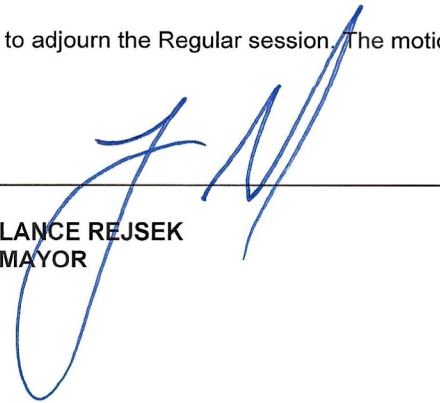
Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson to adjourn the Regular session. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

These minutes are approved on the ¹⁵~~16~~th day of ^{June}~~May~~, A.D. 2026.

ATTEST:


RENEE NORTON/CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:


LANCE REJSEK
MAYOR