

**City of East Bernard**  
**Board of Alderman**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**17 June 2024**

**Present:**

Lance Rejsek, Mayor  
David Tomchesson, Alderman Pos 1  
Richie Domel, Alderman Pos 2  
Andrew Webster, Alderman Pos 3  
Ryan Woodward, Alderman Pos 4  
Renee Norton, City Secretary

**Absent:**

Jonathon Szymanski, Alderman Pos 5

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the Board members present, Mayor Lance Rejsek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024 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**

There were no public comments

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Rejsek reported as follows:

- ◆ Renee Norton started as the new City Secretary.
- ◆ Updated signers on all financial accounts on FNB Eagle Lake and Prosperity Bank.
- ◆ Reached out to Tex Pool for information on their process and current rates.
- ◆ Conference call with Spectrum to discuss the current phone system.
- ◆ Spoke with Flock Cameras regarding installation of installing surveillance systems at each city entrance.
- ◆ Mayor Rejsek sent a letter to USPS seeking assistance in reinstating an outdoor mailbox at East Bernard Post Office.
- ◆ Reached out to TexDot regarding the 4-way stop and potential solutions to mitigate risks associated with heavy traffic.
- ◆ Hired a part-time receptionist to assist with answering the phones and greeting the citizens.
- ◆ Discussed Christmas decorations with the Chamber of Commerce.
- ◆ Conducted a call with Safebuild to review the existing permitting procedures.
- ◆ Encountered an issue with Texas Pride. Contacted our representative and arranged an in-person meeting.
- ◆ On June 5, 2024, Renee, Marvin, and Mayor Rejsek attended a lunch meeting with Judge Spenrath, El Campo and Wharton city managers and mayors.
- ◆ Conference call with Aptegy.
- ◆ Participated in a conference call with Etask, our current website host.
- ◆ Suggested changing the start time of the meetings to 6 p.m. from 7 p.m.
- ◆ Need to place the bids for paving of Pietzsch Street placed in the newspaper as the project is over \$50,000.
- ◆ Exploring the possibility of buying vehicles according to a fixed schedule to reduce current city expenditures on maintenance and repairs.
- ◆ Mayor Rejsek extended a big thank you to Wes Murrile for generously helping us with the computers and networking at City hall.
- ◆ Mayor Rejsek extended a big thank you to Audrey Searcy for her assistance over the past few months and for any future assistance.
- ◆ Mayor Rejsek would like to Sarah Barker for taking on everything thrown at her over the last two months. She did the work of two people for quite a while and did an excellent job.

**CITY SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Norton updated the Board of Aldermen that the city updated QuickBooks and will provide updated financial reports at the next meeting. We will also have a budget calendar to present at the next meeting.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 28, 2024 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 May 28, 2024 special minutes. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL SEX OFFENDER ORDINANCE 2024-002.**

Mayor Rejsek presented the sex offender ordinance. After Judge Russell received feedback from the community, he approached Mayor Rejsek suggesting the city implement a sex offender ordinance. Judge Russell provided copies of the city Wharton and El Campo's ordinance. The City will post the ordinance in the local community paper as required. Alderman Woodward made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Webster. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE CITY INVESTMENT POLICY.**

Mayor Rejsek presented the city investment policy as previously approved was updated by replacing the previous mayor with Mayor Rejsek and the previous secretary with Secretary Norton. Alderman Woodward asked what happened if something happens to the mayor, who would take his place. It was discussed that the mayor pro-temp would take his place. Alderman Webster made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Tomchesson. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL TEX POOL RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.**

Mayor Rejsek presented the TexPool Resolution Amending Authorized Representatives adding Mayor Rejsek and City Secretary Norton. Alderman Webster made a motion, seconded by Alderman Woodward. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

**PRESENT UPDATED LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Mayor Rejsek presented the updated list of individuals for the Building and Planning Committee. The list was presented and will be voted on at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Tomchesson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Webster to adjourn the Regular session. The motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

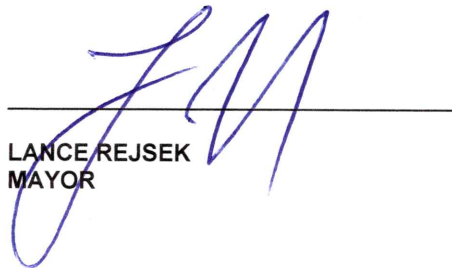
These minutes are approved on the 15 day of July, A.D. 2024.

ATTEST:



RENEE NORTON  
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED:

  
LANCE REJSEK  
MAYOR