

Regular City Council Meeting – Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: City Secretary Roxann Pullin provided the roll call with Mayor Williams, noting a quorum of the following Council members Present: Beverly Felts, Greg Williford, Mike Hale, Jeffrey Schlichting & Joyce Wolfe.

2. Opening: Pledge of Allegiance US Flag & TX Flag led by Mayor Williams. Invocation led by Jeffrey Schlichting.

3. Comments:

a. Mayor Comments – Mayor Williams provided the following:

- Due to the number of residents who signed up to speak under agenda item 3f Public Comments, Mayor Williams moved item 3f Public Comments to 3a, to give all residents appropriate time to address City Council. Mayor Williams provided item 3a Mayor Comments right after the Public Comments under item 3a.
- Mayor Williams provided the following after Public Comments: Mayor Williams addressed the public's concern about a proposed subdivision where the property in question resides in the ETJ of the City of New Berlin and Santa Clara Rd condition. He explained the ETJ rules and regulations regarding property in the ETJ. All in attendance were informed that site plans for the property in question have not been submitted to the city. Regarding city road repair and the current conditions on Santa Clara Rd are major concerns. The city is scheduled to present an interlocal agreement, for assistance in repairing Santa Clara Rd, to Guadalupe County Commissioners Court on June 23rd. In the meantime, we will seek legal advice regarding resident concerns and will have a Town Hall meeting soon.

b. County Commissioner Comments – Commissioner Germann provided the following:

- Commissioner Germann asked all in attendance to read his article that was published in the latest City of New Berlin Newsletter. He strongly urged all in attendance to contact their local representatives and State Legislatures regarding concerns on new developments in the county and ETJ's. He has been contacting TXDOT on a regular basis for updates on the closed bridge at I-10 and Linne and at this time he does not have a date on when the bridge will open back up. The bridge on Gin Rd will need to be torn down and rebuilt.

c. Fire Chief Comments – Chief Strey not present

- No comments.

d. City Marshal Comments – Chief Marshal Hatcher provided the following:

Activity report for the dates 05/01/26 to 05/31/26 was provided. *Report is available on website.

e. City Council Members' Comments:

Council Member Jeffrey Schlichting provided the following:

- The City Newsletter was great. Thanked Beverly M. for her role in coordinating and managing the newsletter.

f. Public Comments: This time is provided for the public to address the City Council on issues or concerns. NO CITY COUNCIL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME. Please add your name to the sign-up list BEFORE THE MEETING. Public comment(s) may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. You will be called upon by the Mayor during the meeting. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be directed to leave the meeting.

- Arnold Zwicke- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ.
- Gerald Zwicke- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ and Roads.
- Jack Seefeldt- Topic: Road and Bridge work.
- Justin Matthews- Topic: Road and Bridge work.
- Grace Kunde- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ.
- Wyatt Kunde- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ.
- Rebecca Craddock- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ.
- Bobbie Sherman- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ.
- Barbara Gerhart- Topic: Proposed Subdivision in ETJ.

Summary of concerns for above topics:

Proposed Subdivision in ETJ: Increased crime, continued deterioration of road(s) due to increased traffic, and crowding of nearby schools.

Roads and Bridge work: Increased traffic coming through Santa Clara and Gin Rd (that are currently in need of repair), due to nearby bridges being closed and I-10 closures. Timeframe on how long bridges will be closed and repairs to Santa Clara Rd.

g. Planning and Zoning Commission Comments: Jeff Wurzbach, Chair provided the following:

- P&Z is currently updating the Comprehensive Plan and Subdivision Ordinance.

h. Other Committee Comments

1. PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS – Not present:

- Not present. No comments.

4. Consent Agenda:

a. Discussion/Action on these Consent Agenda items to be acted on in a single motion.

- 1. Minutes:** City Council Meeting 05/18/2026
- 2. Financial Reports:** May 2026

Mayor Williams read the above items into record. Council Member Jeffrey Schlichting motioned to approve the consent agenda items 1 through 2. Council Member Beverly Felts seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

5. Council Discussion/Action:

a. Discussion/Action November 3, 2026 Election -City Council of the City of New Berlin, Texas to call/order the November 3, 2026 City of New Berlin Joint General Election with Guadalupe County.

Mayor Williams introduced item to Council. Council Member Beverly Felts motioned to call/order the November 3, 2026 City of New Berlin Joint General Election with Guadalupe County. Council Member Joyce Wolfe seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

b. Discussion/Action Road Repairs to City Roads.

Mayor Williams introduced item to Council. Mayor Williams stated that we brought in a load of road repair mix and R&D Custom Home Builder's filled in a large portion of the major potholes on Santa Clara Rd. He stated the City will present an interlocal agreement to the Guadalupe County Commissioners Court at the June 23rd meeting. The City is asking for the county's help in repairing Santa Clara Rd. Discussion only. No action taken.

6. Announcements: No announcements.

7. Adjournment: As there was no future business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Attested by: 
Roxann Pullin, City Secretary


Walter C. Williams Jr., Mayor