City of New Berlin, City Hall
Mailing Address: 275 FM 2538, New Berlin, TX 78155

Monday, August 17, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Location: 9180 FM 775, La Vernia, TX 78121

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: Greg Williford, Mike Hale, Joyce Wolfe & Jeffrey Schlichting. Council Member Beverly Felts arrived after roll call at 6:36 PM.

2. **Opening:** Pledge of Allegiance US Flag & TX Flag led by Mayor Williams. Invocation led by Greg Williford.

3. **Comments:**
   a. **Mayor Comments – Mayor Williams provided the following:**
      - The New Berlin Sausage Festival is approaching, and raffle tickets are available for purchase.

   b. **County Commissioner Comments – Not present:**
      - Not present. No comments

   c. **Fire Chief Comments – Chief Strey not present. C. Mills provided the following:**
      - Chief Strey is currently assisting with a brush fire in Stockdale. 280 calls to date. Recently assisted the Marion Fire Department with a 40+ acre brush fire. Burn ban is not in effect, current outdoor burning is allowed.

   d. **City Marshal Comments – Chief Marshal Hatcher provided the following:**
      Activity report for the dates 07/01/26 to 07/31/26 was provided. *Report is available on website.

   e. **City Council Members' Comments:**
      Council Member Jeffrey Schlichting provided the following:
      - Alderman Schlichting attended the August 3rd P&Z meeting and discussed with them how the city can move forward regarding growth in the city limits and ETJ. He addressed with P&Z the need for developers to address fire prevention, EMS service, law enforcement, roads and drainage, water/wastewater, utilities, and solid waste collection.

      Council Member Mike Hale provided the following:
      - Alderman Hale's spouse has been actively writing letters to local representatives, including Governor Abbott and Congressman Cuellar. Asked the public to get involved and make their voices heard.

      Council Member Beverly Felts provided the following:
      - Thanked the Muenchow's and Manuel for their help in reaching out to Dollar General regarding the tall grass and overgrowth between the parking lot and FM 775.

   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.
      - Ryan Ramzinski- Topic: Santa Clara Road Repairs. Portions of Santa Clara Road requires immediate repair. Met with Commissioner Germann and Mayor Williams regarding interlocal agreement for Guadalupe County to help with road repair to portions of road.
      - Glen Muenchow- Topic: Dollar General lawn maintenance and overgrowth. Beverly was able to reach out to the district manager of Dollar General. Some of the lawn maintenance issues have been taken care of. The others have been addressed and waiting for completion.

g. **Planning and Zoning Commission Comments: Not present:**
   - Not present. No comments.

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 07/20/2026 and Special Meeting 07/30/2026
      2. **Financial Reports:** July 2026

      Mayor Williams read the above items into record. Council Member Mike Hale 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 Santa Clara Road Repairs**

      Mayor Williams introduced item to Council. Council Member Williford stated that the condition of Santa Clara Road is getting worse with all the traffic coming through and recent rains. He stated he would like to make a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with Guadalupe County. Council Member Williford motioned to enter into an interlocal agreement with Guadalupe County to repair Santa Clara Road. Guadalupe County will be responsible for acquiring the necessary amount of Type D cold mix and/or hot mix to repair the worst sections of Santa Clara Road. The City of New Berlin will pay for the materials at a rate of $65/ton, not to exceed $15,000.00 per calendar year for 2026, 2027, and 2028. Guadalupe County will provide trucks, maintainer, roller, manpower and all necessary equipment to complete the task. Work will include but not limited to, hauling materials, repairing shoulder of road and existing potholes. Work to be conducted by Guadalupe County October 2026 and will require 5 days of work. One day will be utilized to repair potholes and remaining four days will be used for shoulder repair. Council Member Mike Hale seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

      Council Member Williford made a motion for the City of New Berlin to contract out the required maintenance of the low water crossing on Santa Clara Road near Hoese Cemetery. The maintenance will consist of removing existing asphalt and base while replacing it with six inches of concrete with #6 rebar on 12" centers. Traffic to be diverted during this maintenance effort and coordinated between the New Berlin Marshals office and Guadalupe County. The cost of this repair not to exceed $20,000.00. Council Member Mike Hale seconded the motion. The vote of 5-0. Motion carried.

6. **Announcements:** No announcements.

7. **Adjournment: As there was no future business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.**

Attested by: Roxann Pullin, City Secretary

Walter C. Williams Jr., Mayor