

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
12/27/2017

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 PM with a motion by David Galvan, seconded by Dennis Kelley. Motion Carried.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Judith Swagerty, Vanessa Everhart and Dennis Kelley. Also present was City Clerk, Adrienne Luthi. Darcy Smith was absent.

Additions to the agenda were compliance and transfer from General fund to the Equipment Reserve Fund.

Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Vanessa Everhart to approve the minutes as written and the bills as printed. Motion Carried.

Visitors were Trudi Rathbun and Dustin Murk.

Dustin Murk discussed whether the city needed to purchase water from Rural Water District #2. Ward Stockamp discussed the cost of rural water being cheaper than producing it ourselves. Dustin Murk asked for \$2500.00 to do work on the alley between North Putnam and Stark Street. Motion by Vanessa Everhart, seconded by David Galvan to allow Dustin Murk to purchase \$2500.00 worth of rock through the alley maintenance fund. Motion Carried. Council discussed the condition of the city's tractor and the possibility of either renting or buying a skid steer for the city. Dustin Murk will check prices on buying vs. renting a skid steer. The results will be discussed at the January 8th meeting.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by David Galvan to transfer \$50,000 out of the general fund and put it in the equipment reserve fund so the money will be there when decisions are made on the skid steer and other equipment.

Violations were discussed. Carpenters have not come in with the new permit for their building yet. Brian Davidson's and Pete Haney's flood plain violations are on hold until the report comes back from the State of Kansas on the base flood elevation. Tara Landswrath with the Kansas Dept of Agriculture, Department of water resources told Ward Stockamp she would like to wait until accurate base flood elevations were available before giving us any information. There has been no permit turned in from the Murphy's for the propane tank. Adrienne Luthi will email Brian Pratt and see if he has cited Randolph Brown for continuing to work on his project without getting a permit. Randolph Brown has been informed by Brian Pratt, Kendra Pratt and Ward Stockamp that he needed to stop working and get a permit turned in. He has refused to do so and has kept working on his project anyway.

The Welcome to Bennington Booklet was discussed. It will be a work in progress, and many great ideas that were mentioned and sent via email to Adrienne Luthi will be added.

The shortage in the water fund was discussed. Anita Goertzen contacted Ward Stockamp and Ranson City Code and they will be contacting us with some information on perhaps having a water analysis done and the cost to do it. Adrienne Luthi will find out the information and add it to the next agenda.

Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Vanessa Everhart to adjourn meeting at 8:03 PM. Motion Carried.