

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
1/22/2018

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Darcy Smith, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, Dennis Kelley and City Clerk, Adrienne Luthi.

Additions were to add Mandy Gantenbein and Zoning/Planning commission to the appointments, Water Valve at Bennington and Struble and shed behind 504 N. Nelson Street.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley to approve the bills as printed and minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Violations were discussed. No information yet on the BFE. Kendra Pratt is writing Randolph Brown a citation for refusing to get a building permit for the work he has been doing at 423 N. Nelson. 504 Nelson has moved in a shed. Brian and Kendra Pratt will be emailed asking them to check in to it and make sure if a building permit is not needed, a no fee permit needs to be filled out to insure setbacks are followed for the shed placement. 206 E. Bennington was discussed. There is a fence in the back, a chicken coop and trash and appliances all over the property. Brian and Kendra Pratt will be emailed so they can follow up on what is going on with the fence and the property in general.

Resolutions: One- GAAP Waiver, Two- approval to pay bills to avoid late fees and penalties, Three- 3 signatures on checks and Four- city clerk as freedom of information officer, were approved for 2018 with a motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Darcy Smith. Motion Carried.

Indoor Shooting was discussed. Ward Stockamp was asked if indoor shooting was allowed in the city. After checking ordinances, there is nothing prohibiting shooting in the inside of structures in the city limits, so it is ok unless an issue arises.

2018 Appointments were approved with a motion by David Galvan, seconded by Judith Swagerty. Motion Carried. Appointments are as follows.

Municipal Judge- Steve Baccus

City Attorney- Aaron Martin

City Paper- Minneapolis Messenger

City Treasurer- Betty Davis

Depository- Bennington State Bank

City Clerk- Adrienne Guillory- Luthi

Compliance Officers- Kendra and Brian Pratt

EMS Director- Brandon Cochran

Operations Worker/Animal control officer- Dustin Murk

Animal Control Officers- Mayor and Council

President of the council- David Galvan

Water and Sewer- Trudi Rathbun and Dennis Kelley

Streets and Alleys- Judith Swagerty and Darcy Smith

Utility Collection Agents- City Clerk Adrienne Guillory Luthi and City Treasurer Betty Davis

Mandy Gantenbein- Pool Manager (two- year term)

Rex Loughridge- EMS advisory board (three- year term)

Zoning Board- John Golbek (three- year term)

Steve Williams (three- year term)

Alley Committee- Judith Swagerty (three-year term)

Rodney Saenger (three-year term)

Darin Huelsman (three-year term)

David Carson (three-year term)

Darcy Smith (three-year term)

The Council discussed Dustin Murk going to the Kansas Rural Water Conference in Wichita. Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley to approve Dustin Murk to attend the conference, and to reimburse him for hotel, mileage and meals. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk would like to purchase some sand to put on icy corners in inclement weather and purchase 3 loads of rock to put on South Struble street down to the elevator at a cost of \$2,200. Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Judith Swagerty to allow Dustin Murk to purchase one load of sand and three loads of rock for \$2,200. Motion Carried.

A skid steer for the city was discussed. Dustin Murk got several estimates with several options for used and new skid steers. Council will ask Dustin Murk to get two quotes on exactly what he feels the city needs and try them out if he needs to. Tabled until more information is gathered.

The blade used on the city truck was discussed. Dustin Murk reported that it needs hydraulic work, new snow shoes and other work. Council advised that Dustin Murk get a firm estimate after the snows are over and it can be taken to the shop for repairs.

Motion by Darcy Smith, seconded by David Galvan to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Motion Carried.