

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
3/26/2018

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

Additions to the Agenda were Flood Plain, Dogs running at large, Library sign, Breakdown of expenses, Fire Hydrants, Flag pole on main street, and Mosquito traps.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley to approve the bills as printed and minutes as corrected. Motion Carried. Correct spelling of Darcy Smith's name Darcy, not Darci.

There were no visitors and no new violations.

EMC insurance was discussed. Adrienne Luthi will speak to Michelle Murk about adding the new skid loader to the current policy and check to see if the blanket policy covers enough to include the new blade the city purchased. There was a motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun to approve the EMC Insurance quote as written. Motion Carried.

The Fire Department water bill was discussed. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, seconded by Darcy Smith to charge the Fire Department a flat \$6.00 per month for all the water used at the fire station. Motion Carried. Adrienne Luthi will ask them if they would rather be billed one time a year or each month.

Dogs running at large in the city were discussed. Adrienne Luthi updated the council on the problems and complaints resulting from the dogs. Adrienne is writing about this in her newsletter, reminding citizens about our ordinances and explaining that citations will be written, and they will need to go to court if they are not taking responsibility and making sure the animals are properly fenced and leashed. Adrienne will add to the newsletter that any dog bites must be reported to the Sheriff's office.

Dogs running in the park was discussed. People are taking their dogs to the park and they are not on leashes and are not allowed in the park at all. There used to be a NO DOGS sign at the park. Adrienne Luthi will have Dustin Murk see if the sign is gone.

The sign in front of the library was discussed. Sam Gantenbein updated the library board at the last meeting that the sign they were putting in was no larger than the one that is currently there. Sam spoke to Brian Pratt who told him that no permit was needed since the sign was the same size and it was replacing one that was already there.

Water bills for abandoned properties and businesses that are not open or very infrequently used were discussed. Council would like Adrienne Luthi to ask Aaron Martin how the city could bill all the properties that are connected to the city water and sewer even if they are no longer inhabitable and use

no services. People who shut off their services because they close for the season or leave the city for the winter were also discussed. No action taken.

Gregg Tanzer asked Adrienne Luthi to see if the council would mind if he took over putting up and taking down a flag in the flower bed at the far South end of main street. Council had no problem with him doing this.

Mosquito Traps were not discussed. Table until later meeting.

Judith Swagerty reminded the council that Fire Hydrants and Breakdown of payments both needed to be considered soon. They were added to the white board.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Motion Carried.