

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
05/14/2018

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm with a motion by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were Cary Burt/Street dance, Auction on Saturday the 2nd day of the rodeo, Rural water bill, Clean up/Dumpsters, 1% sales tax, Auditors, Rodeo fun day, Tommy Barrett, Fire on Benedict lane, Water hookup, lifeguards, Dogs that were seized by county.

Judith Swagerty asked if the fire hydrants and installation could come out of the general fund. Judith Swagerty made a motion that the cost of the fire hydrants and installation come out of the general fund. Seconded by David Galvan. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Judith Swagerty to approve minutes as written and bills as printed except to change the fire hydrant bill to come out of the general fund instead of the water fund. Motion Carried.

Present at the meeting were Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, Dennis Kelley, and Betty Davis. Darcy Smith was absent. Dustin Murk, Cary Burt, Rob Boss, Shane Campbell, Tommy Barrett, Gary Austin and Bernie Regnier were also present.

Cary Burt discussed the annual rodeo street dance. The dance will be June 2nd, after the rodeo from 9 pm to 1 am. Cary asked that the street be blocked from K-18 highway to the post office. Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Dennis Kelley to close off Nelson street from K-18 Highway to the Post Office, and allow drinking on the street for this night. Motion Carried. Left meeting at 7:10 pm.

The endowment to the city from Madonna McCall was discussed. Council wants clarification on amount the city will be receiving. Adrienne Luthi will contact Jim McClain and ask him if the amount of approximately \$4500.00 per year is all for the city or if that is the amount being split between all the recipients annually.

Shane Campbell, who lives at 215 N. Lincoln, discussed the trailer home that sits on Lincoln and K-18 Highway. The front of the trailer faces Lincoln street, but the address is 215 Bennington Street. Shane Campbell's address is 215 N. Lincoln which is a block North. The trailer has 215 on the front and on the end that can be seen from K-18 Highway. Packages that Shane orders, are often delivered to the trailer. Shane said he has called Brian Pratt four times and left messages. Dustin Murk will figure out the address and what can be done.

Shane Campbell also discussed the vacant home next door to his home that is owned by the Rodriguez family. He would like the home condemned because it has the back door standing open, and there are animals living in it and black mold is all over the inside because the ceiling has collapsed. Shane has called KDHE and told them there is a house beside his with mold and animals. He was told that the fire

chief must condemn houses. Adrienne Luthi will email fire chief to contact Ward Stockamp about this issue.

Gary Austin discussed that when he was picking up metal to haul off at the dump site, he got a complaint that he was blocking off the area. No action taken.

Tommy Barrett informed the council he was running for Ottawa County Commissioner 1st district. He introduced himself and gave his credentials. Left meeting at 7:20 pm.

Rob Boss discussed that he thought his term expired in January, and that he needed to be re-appointed. Ward Stockamp looked it up and he is ok at this time. Rob Boss also informed the council he is running for County Commissioner 1st district.

Violations were discussed. Ward Stockamp informed the council he has spoken to both Brian Pratt and Kendra Pratt about better communication. Ward thought all the building permits that has recently been submitted h

Dustin Murk discussed impounding three dogs today 5/14/18. It is a county problem now as it was taken over by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department.

Bryn Snyders meter pit was discussed. Snyder's would like the pit moved away from their house because it is very close. Dustin Murk would like to move the pit to the city right away where it should be anyway. Dustin will get an estimate from Tasker's and the cost of putting in a new service line can be split between the Snyder's and the city.

Bernie Regnier was present to get approval from the council for his fireworks display at the Bennington Bible Church on July 4th with an alternate date of July 6th, and a permit to sell fireworks from July 1st to July 4th. Dustin Murk will set up barricades at the church. Motion by Ward Stockamp, seconded by Trudi Rathbun to approve the fireworks display and the sale of fireworks at the Regnier home on the dates specified: Motion Carried.

Gary Austin discussed a complaint he received about blocking the area at the dumpsters while he was getting metal out of the dumpster. No action taken. Gary Austin left the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Ward Stockamp spoke to both Kendra and Brian Pratt about better communication between them and the building permit applicants as well as their communication with the city office and the council.

Dustin Murk spoke to Bob Davis about the concrete in front of the bar area and the post office. Bob Davis would like to get it fixed before the rodeo but it will depend on the weather.

Dustin Murk informed the council that he is waiting on the fire hydrants, and then the work for installing them can begin.

Dustin Murk donated two old fire hydrants to the Fire and Iron MC for a fundraiser for someone who has cancer. If more fire hydrants become available, the council wants to sell them.

Judith Swagerty discussed grants. Judith explained there are many unused grants and that the city needs to apply for them.

Adrienne Luthi is to wait to print the city newsletter until after the last meeting of the month and leave space for council additions. Ward Stockamp said It is fine if the water bills do not get sent out until after the first of the month.

Adrienne Luthi is to call Citycode financial and add the PO box number to the website.

Document retention was discussed. Ward Stockamp will look for his notes on it.

No trespassing signs for Northview addition were discussed. No Action Taken.

Melvin and Joann Potts have scheduled an auction at their Putnam street residence on Saturday the 2nd of June. This is the same day as the rodeo. There are concerns that there will be a parking problem. Adrienne Luthi will call the Pott's and tell them this is rodeo weekend.

Judith Swagerty asked when the auditors were coming. Adrienne Luthi is to email Judith Swagerty when the dates are known.

Judith Swagerty discussed purchasing several items for rodeo fun day and explained that the city would be reimbursed when the grants are received.

The 1% sales tax passed in 2012 was discussed. Council wanted to know if we are putting aside any of the money, how much money have we generated and what fund is this money located in. Adrienne Luthi will check on this.

Lifeguards at the city pool were discussed. Adrienne Luthi will find reports on lifeguard hours and report to the council members. Motion made by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley to approve 25 cent an hour raise for all returning lifeguards. Motion Carried.

Ward Stockamp discussed Adrienne Luthi and Jeff Jackson filling their swimming pools. Adrienne Luthi must get Dustin Murk's approval before filling the pools.

Motion by Ward Stockamp, seconded by Judith Swagerty to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm.