

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
07/09/2018

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun. Motion Carried. Present were Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, Dennis Kelley, and Betty Davis. Visitors were Brandon Cochran (left at 7:20), Steve Haley (left at 7:20), Bob Boss (left at 7:20), David Swetson (left at 7:20), Jim McClain (left at 7:30), Dustin Murk (left at 7:50) and Bob Boss (left at 9:20).

Additions to the agenda were Abandoned house, Compliance, Rec Commission, Vernita Shirley, Rodriquez Property, Condemning property, Citicodex, Pound Agreement, Betty Davis's schedule.

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

No new violations, Brian Pratt is monitoring the clean up at the burned house on Benedict lane.

Brandon Cochran passed out a proposal and minutes from the fire board meeting. Brandon explained the consolidation and the advantages of combining the EMS with Rural Fire District #4. Council agreed that this consolidation was acceptable to them. Adrienne Luthi will send the ordinance to Aaron Martin to find out what is involved in disassociating ourselves with the EMS and whether we need to repeal the ordinance and the best way to go about doing that.

Jim McClain wanted to discuss the empty lot beside his property where the house burned down. He had concerns about rumors that someone was considering trying to build a shop in the lot. The council explained that the lot is zoned residential and that R1 means no shop would be allowed. To change this would require a long process.

The creation of a district wide Rec Commission with USD 240 was discussed. Mr. Van Ranken, superintendent of schools, will speak to the school board and get their ideas and opinions. Judith Swagerty will contact the cities of Culver and Tescott to talk to their city councils about a proposal.

Compliance officers for the City were discussed. Motion was made by Trudi Rathbun, seconded by David Galvan to put an ad in the Minneapolis Messenger and the Salina Journal for a non-resident compliance officer for the city with \$200.00 compensation. Motion Carried.

Vernita Shirley requested the gutter be cleaned in front of her home. Dustin Murk will clean it.

Betty Davis updated the council on her upcoming schedule. Ward Stockamp will speak with Adrienne Luthi and get back with the council.

Minneapolis Police Department sent out a dog pound agreement to be approved by the city of Bennington to continue using the pound in Minneapolis. The agreement was discussed, Motion by

Judith Swagerty, seconded by David Galvan to approve the new agreement between Minneapolis Police Dept and the City of Bennington. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk discussed needing a new windshield in the pickup because it got broken by a flying rock driving down the highway. Council said to replace it.

Dustin Murk discussed Well 5 and perhaps taking it out of service. Council said to leave it as is.

Dustin Murk and the council discussed chip sealing the alley that runs between Bennington Street and Washington Street. Motion was made by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun to approve the quote from Circle C Paving for \$1,666.00 to chip seal the alley located behind the city office, with the funds coming out of the alley maintenance fund. Motion Carried. Dennis Kelley abstained.

Dustin Murk also asked about evaluations. Council discussed and decided to let Ward Stockamp complete both Dustin Murk and Adrienne Guillory Luthi's evaluations.

The Council looked over the changes they requested be made to the 2019 budget. Adrienne Luthi will let Anita Goertzen know that the budget is accepted, and Adrienne can get it published. The budget hearing will take place at 7:00 on August 13th, 2018 with the regular meeting following.

Council looked over the code draft sent by Citicode Financial. Ward Stockamp will send back to Citicode with the changes. Motion was made by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun to adopt the LKM sample ordinance provided by Citicode which will be published as Charter Ordinance #11 exempting the city from K.S.A 12-104a, K.S.A. 15-201, K.S.A. 12-16,128 and K.S.A 25-2108a. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion Carried.