

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
October 22, 2018

Motion by Darcy Smith, second by Trudi Rathbun to bring the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were Squatters, Disk Golf, Judy Alexander, Alleys, Bid for brush hog and Twin Valley Franchise fees.

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Darcy Smith, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, Dennis Kelley and City clerk Adrienne Luthi. David Galvan was absent. Visitors were Joe Terick and Lon Meyer, representing Black Hills Energy (both left meeting at 7:34 PM), Lee Parker and Karl Serrien, representing Central Valley Ag (both left meeting at 7:34 PM), and Chris Abell, representing Propane Central (left meeting at 7:34 PM).

Ward Stockamp updated the council on violations. Two more cars have been towed, there have been two building permits and one building permit completion.

Joe Terick and Lon Meyer from Black Hills energy discussed bringing natural gas to Bennington. A town hall meeting will be set up to allow citizens to weigh in on this possibility. Lee Parker asked to be included if a town hall meeting happens. The council assured them all interested parties would be informed about the meeting when it was set up. Trudi Rathbun will contact Fred Van Ranken with the school and see if we can use the school for a meeting. Adrienne Luthi will create a mailer to inform all citizens of the meeting when all the information is finalized.

The new City Code was discussed. The city council would like the new code to be mentioned in the city newsletter, letting citizens know that there is a new process in place regarding the minimum housing standards and the unsightly and unsafe structures in the City of Bennington. These issues will be addressed and dealt with. Citizens will be informed that they can find the new code on our website or come in to the city office and read the hard copies we have here if they have no internet access.

Alleys were discussed. Some council members have been given the locations of certain alleys that could use some rock again. Dustin will be informed. Adrienne Luthi will put Dustin's phone number in the next newsletter so that citizens can call him directly if they are having issues with anything that has to do with city operations.

Motion by Darcy Smith, seconded by Judith Swagerty to reject the \$100.00 bid on the brush hog by Richard Sullivan. Motion Carried. Adrienne Luthi will list it in the newsletter as back up for sealed bid.

Motion by Darcy Smith, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. Motion Carried.