

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Trudi Rathbun, seconded by Dennis Kelley. Motion carried. Dennis Kelley, Trudi Rathbun, Mayor Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty and visitor Jim McClain (left at 7:12) were present. David Galvan and Darcy Smith were absent.

Additions to the agenda: Street repairs, concession stand, Rec Commission, Rec financial, Proclamation, Jim McClain regarding Senior Center, Resolution 2019-6

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to approve payment of the printed list of bills and February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Visitor Jim McClain was present regarding the Bennington Senior Center. For 20 plus years the building was owned by the county. January 2019 the commissioners deeded the center to the non-profit Bennington Senior Center. The Ottawa County Assessor has sent paperwork for Jim to fill requesting the center be classified as exempt from property taxes. Item (f) on the Addition to Exemption Application provides for him to submit a letter provided by community leaders, elected officials or state agencies evidencing that there is a community need for this service. Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun for the City to draft a letter to the Kansas Board of Zoning Appeals in support of this endeavor. Motion carried.

No violations have been presented.

City Clerk Adrienne Guillory-Luthi had contact Mayor Stockamp last week regarding a class offered by League of Kansas Municipalities regarding Emergency Planning. She would like to attend. Registration needed to be submitted by February 25. She was given permission to attend. City Man Dustin Murk is not interested in attending.

Street repairs – Trudi commented on the area of the street in front of the post office that is settling. A citizen tripped on the uneven area last week. Her concern was others falling and the city's liability if it is not taken care of.

Concession stand at the ball diamonds during summer – Paula Serrien & Dawn Wolf have both visited with Trudi. Discussion. Paula Serrien had visited the scheduled date/time for the January Recreation Meeting. No quorum was present. Judith attempted to visit the scheduled date/time for the February Recreation Meeting. No one showed up.

Proclamation for March for Meals – Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley, to have the Mayor sign the proclamation. Motion carried. It was suggested that the proclamation be included in the flyer to go out at the end of the month.

Resolution 2019-6 – Abolishing the Bennington Recreation Commission and establishing the Bennington Park & Recreation Advisory Board. Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to approve Resolution 2019-6. Motion carried.

Judith asked about the trailers owned by Burts on the SE corner of Lincoln/Washington. Nothing has been done yet

It was determined by Building Inspector Brian Pratt that the work being done to enclose the front porch of the house on the NW corner of Lincoln/Princeton required a building permit.

Motion by Trudi Rathbun, seconded by Dennis Kelley, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.