

Bennington City Council  
Regular Meeting  
April 22, 2019

Motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by David Galvan to bring meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were recreational vehicles on city streets, old picnic tables, Sullivan's lot, street repair on main street where water leak occurred, EMC insurance quote, Rodeo Grounds.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Darcy Smith to approve the list of printed bills and the minutes with the correction of removing "Judith Swagerty will talk to Dakota Rohleder at the bank about a demo permit" and changing it to "Ward Stockamp spoke to Dakota Rohleder at the bank about a demo permit." Motion Carried.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Darcy Smith, Trudi Rathbun, Dennis Kelley, Judith Swagerty (arrived at 7:30 P.M.) and City treasurer Betty Davis. Visitors were Dustin Murk who arrived at 7:10 P.M. and Bernie Regnier who arrived at 7:30 P.M. and left the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Violations were discussed. Ward Stockamp informed the council he had texted Brian and Kendra about violations and had not heard back from them yet.

Ward Stockamp spoke to city attorney Aaron Martin about the CMB ordinance. Aaron Martin will have it ready for the next meeting.

Bernie Regnier's application and paperwork for the annual fireworks display was discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Trudi Rathbun to approve Bernie Regnier's application to sell fireworks out of his garage at 324 North Struble, having the fireworks display at the church on July 4th and the alternate day of July 5th in case of inclement weather. Motion Carried.

Mandy Gantenbein called Ward Stockamp and told him that the spools for picnic tables at the pool would not work. Mandy would like to order a new table for the pool. The tables from Tree Top products were discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Trudi Rathbun to approve purchase of two 8-foot picnic tables at a price of \$848.85 each. Motion Carried.

The Rec Commission was discussed. Ward Stockamp will email the Rec and tell them they need to get a list of everything the Rec currently has for equipment in their storage unit and here at the city office and basement together so that the city will have a complete list of all their inventory.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve Ordinance number 406, pertaining to the combination of the city of Bennington's park system and recreation system and the establishment of a single city park and recreation department and creating a park and recreation advisory board. The ordinance will be published the next possible Thursday and will take effect the following Thursday. Motion Carried.

Four wheelers, dirt bikes, and other recreational vehicles driving on the city streets were discussed. It is legal to drive them on the city streets per our city code. No Action Taken.

Sullivan's empty lot where the house burnt down was discussed. No Action Taken.

Ticket prices at the Bennington Swimming Pool were discussed. Motion by Darcy Smith, second by Dennis Kelley to increase the child 20 swim pass from \$15.00 to \$20.00, the adult 20 swim pass from \$25.00 to \$30.00, the swim party deposit will raise from \$15.000 to \$20.00, single season pass will increase from \$52.50 to \$57.50 and a family pass will increase from \$105.00 to \$110.00 Motion Carried.

The Rodeo Grounds were discussed. Council would like to know the income on the rodeo grounds, how much the water and electric cost when they are rented and if we are making a profit or not.

The EMC insurance quote was discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Trudi Rathbun to approve the EMC insurance quote for \$12,215.00 Motion Carried.

Council asked Dustin Murk when Nelson Street where we had the leak will be repaired. Dustin Murk said it is on the list with 4 other issues and that Tasker's are coming next week.

Dustin Murk discussed with the council, Rick Underwood helping him with snow removal for each of the 5 snow's we had this winter. He would like approval to do something for him for his help. Motion by Darcy Smith, second by Trudi Rathbun to approve purchase of a \$100.00 Visa gift card for Rick Underwood for helping with snow removal. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk asked the council about replacing two more fire hydrants in the city. Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve replacing two fire hydrants. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Darcy Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M. Motion Carried.