

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
May 28, 2019

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M. with a motion by Darcy Smith, second by Trudi Rathbun. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were: Rock for Rodeo grounds, Grant Money, Census, Concessions, Drainage, 3-way stop, Executive session for non-elected personnel, sewer problems, building permits.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Darcy Smith 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 was also present. David Galvan was absent. Visitors were Cora Woods (left meeting at 7:10 P.M.) and Rachel Bieker (arrived at 7:02 P.M. and Left at 7:13 P.M.).

Violations were discussed. Ward Stockamp informed the council that Brian and Kendra Pratt were working on several properties. Pictures have been taken of many violations and letters will be sent out. Several properties need to be inspected by Brian.

Cora Woods discussed her issues with getting behind on her water bill. Cora asked that the council consider allowing her to pay it off as she can but in a timely manner to avoid having her water service disconnected. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by Dennis Kelley to approve Cora Woods paying \$45.00 every two weeks starting on June 10th until the balance is paid off. Motion Carried.

Trudi Rathbun discussed making the corner of Lexington and Stark a 3-way stop. It is dangerous and hard for people to see. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Trudi Rathbun to put a stop sign on the South West corner of Lexington and Stark Street for those traveling Eastbound on Lexington street. Motion Carried.

Adrienne Luthi will let Dustin Murk know about the 3-way stop so he can order a sign if needed and will put it in the newsletter to forewarn residents.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Darcy Smith to approve Ordinance #407 which enhanced cereal malt beverage sales in the City of Bennington. Motion Carried. Trudi Rathbun abstained.

Drainage problems around the city were discussed. No Action Taken.

The Lions club asked if the city would be willing to go in half with them to rock the drive at the arena. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by Judith Swagerty to approve going in half with the Lions Club to rock the drive at the arena. Motion Carried.

Rachel Bieker discussed the possibility of teaching a yoga class in Bennington. Council informed Rachel that if she wanted to have it at the Senior Center, she would need to speak to them about it. Adrienne

Luthi will put the information in the newsletter along with Rachels contact information so that if anyone is interested, they can contact Rachel and let her know.

Building permits were discussed. No Action taken.

The pool was discussed. The Pool needs a 2 horse-power pump \$589.23 to keep as a back up because they had to replace the one they used, the vacuum is dead and needs a new 1 ½ horsepower pump \$536.94, and the sand filter valve also needs replaced Approx. \$250.00 plus shipping. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Trudi Rathbun to approve purchase of a 2 HP pump, a 1 ½ HP pump and the valve for the sand filter. Motion Carried.

Sewer problems were discussed. Brian Pratt's basement was filling up with raw sewage. The city has done its scheduled cleanings to ensure that our part is taken care of. Dustin Murk has someone coming to run a camera down the sewer to see exactly what if anything, is going on there. The company is way behind because of all the rain so it will be a while before they can get here.

The office copier was discussed. Council looked at two different lease options, one from Documents 360 and one from Consolidated printing. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by Judith Swagerty to approve the lease from Documents 360 for a Kyocera copier based on when the current contract with Image quest ends. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Trudi Rathbun to go into executive session for non-elected personnel at 8:30 P.M. for 10 minutes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Judith Swagerty to come out of executive session at 8:40 P.M. Motion Carried. No Action Taken.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Darcy Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 P.M. Motion Carried.