

Bennington City Council  
Budget Hearing  
Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2019

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to bring the budget hearing meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by David Galvan to approve the 2020 budget. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn budget hearing meeting at 7:11 P.M. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Darcy Smith to bring meeting to order at 7:11 P.M. Motion Carried.

Addition to the agenda was the street repair in front of the post office.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Darcy Smith to approve the printed list of bills and the minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Present at the meeting was Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Darcy Smith, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, and Dennis Kelley. City clerk Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Chris Rose (left meeting at 8:00 P.M.), and Mandy Gantenbein. (arrived at 7:01 P.M., left at 7:37 P.M.)

Violations were discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the clean up plan submitted by Mike and Todd Burt as long as they are abiding by it. Motion Carried. Adrienne Luthi will contact Mike and Todd Burt so they can get a copy of the approved plan and let them know we appreciate the time they took to get the plan for councils approval done on time.

Chris Rose discussed the disk golf course and the baseball diamond dirt project for the Rec. Chris has spoken to Nathan Miles about getting the disk golf course installed. Nathan is interested in doing the project. Council would like to have him do the work on the city clock to be paid since he is already an employee of the city. Dustin Murk can go and get the materials needed at Menards or Lowes. The baseball diamond should have the dirt work done sometime in September. Chris is trying to get a work night organized.

Chris Rose also discussed is Bennington Bullpups baseball team, he would like to be reimbursed for some of the fees as the rec has done for other teams not directly organized by the rec. Council told Chris to submit is team information and he could get the normal \$12.00 per player reimbursement.

The Rec Director position was discussed. For the next meeting Adrienne Luthi will put it out on the list serve and get some ideas and job descriptions from other cities and send them to the council via email so they can be looked over. Ward Stockamp will put a job description together so we can get it on social media asap to get interested parties to send a letter of interest, then interviews can be set up.

Pool Maintenance and repair quotes were discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by David Galvan to approve option (A) on the Sunflower Pool and Patio quote for \$16728.14 to refinish the pool per design specifications and another \$1000.00 to maintain and clean out sand filters #2 and #3 for a grand total of \$17,728.14. Motion Carried

The area needing repair in front of the post office was discussed. Tasker's are supposed to come and fix it, it has been a long time. Adrienne Luthi will ask Dustin Murk to check into Tasker's timeline for getting this done.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Darcy Smith to go into executive session for 13 minutes from 8:02 P.M. to 8:15 P.M. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Judith Swagerty to come out of executive session at 8:15 P.M. No Action Taken and go back in at 8:15 P.M. to 8:25 P.M. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Trudi Rathbun to come out of executive session at 8:25 P.M. No Action Taken.

Motion by Darcy Smith, second by David Galvan to terminate employment of both Kendra and Brian Pratt as code enforcement/Zoning for the City of Bennington. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by David Galvan to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint City Clerk Adrienne Luthi and City Operations Dustin Murk as the new code enforcement/zoning for the City of Bennington at \$100.00 per month per person. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Trudi Rathbun to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Motion Carried.