

Bennington City Council

Regular Meeting

October 14, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun. Motion carried. David Galvan, Dennis Kelley, Trudi Rathbun, Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty, Recreation Director Chris Rose (left at 8:24) and visitors Laura Bowers and Dawn Wolf (left at 8:24) were present. Flag salute was led by Mayor Stockamp.

Additions to the agenda included Banners, Special Vehicles, Memorial & Bench, Recycling Update, Pool and Land Purchase.

Bill for Duramax Construction & Roofing – roof is still leaking. Ward called & left a message with the owner.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by David Galvan, to approve the September 23, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes with one correction (fifth paragraph – 47 plays”, should be 47 “players”) and payment of the printed list of bills. Motion carried.

Visitors – Dawn Wolf (present regarding Special Vehicles) and Laura Bowers. Laura asked about the area north of the arena. She would like to plant native wildflowers there. There are grants available. Laura was informed that Dwayne Walls owns the ground, it is in the county, not in the city limits. Possibly the area west of Putnam Street (600 & 700 block) and east of the fence on the hill (Guard rail). The area east of the old fire station was suggested to her. Consensus of the council that it is okay to plant on the slope west of the fence on the west side of Putnam (600 & 700 block) also.

Violations: Lori Wilson cleaned up her mess on Saturday (dumpsters were still in town). Halters are working on theirs. Burts have removed the jet skis, it is looking good. Pratts finally turned everything in. Trudi asked about the list she had compiled earlier. Ward will look for it.

Chris Rose handed out his timecard for 09/10-10/14/19. He has two people helping with soccer. First games were this last weekend.

Rachel Bieker, Marissa Long, Stephanie Jensen and Jeremy Benien are interested in serving on the Recreation Committee. Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to appoint these four to the

Bennington Recreation Committee. They will draw for term limits at their first meeting. Candy Gwennap will continue on the board.

All of soccer, most of football has been taken care of. The school gave them a line sprayer, may have to reimburse for the paint. Chris has everything in the storage unit. Laura asked Chris if he could use help maintaining the ball diamonds & surrounding area. Her husband, Mike, would like to help. Chris gave her his contact information. Trudi gave Laura Tim Boss' contact information.

Web site has been set up. He will send the link to the site to Adrienne. A separate account has been set up for Recreation receipts, the funds will then be transferred to the City's account. Consensus of the council to continue with a Post Office Box for the Recreation Department.

Audit Results – discuss next month.

Banners – Trudi would like to have people on K-18 (Bennington Street) and Nelson Street clean up their properties and hang banners along both streets after things are cleaned up. (Cited North Ninth Street banners in Salina as the example)

Memorial & bench – A memorial & bench were placed near the intersection of 220th Rd and K-18 after the death of a firefighter and his daughter several years ago. The fire department the man belonged to had constructed both items. The area they were placed flooded, Brandon Cochran removed the items due to the continued flooding. He had asked the Rural Fire Board for permission to place them in the grassy area east of the driveway at the new station. The Board did not feel that was a good place for them. It was asked if they could be placed in the area east of the old fire station. Will wait to see photos of both items.

There was a fire at Ed & Heather Lewis' home this morning. No one knows the status of the structure.

Recycling Center – David asked if the recycling center was doing okay. He had heard they could no longer accept glass. He wondered about trying to do single stream recycling. Discussion. Judith informed the council that CB Trucking is looking at some companies that may accept the glass.

Swimming pool – Ward reported that they have to cut some joints in the deep end and recaulk them. George says our pool is in great shape.

Community Building – Chris suggested talking to Darcy Smith regarding property east of the ball diamonds (10-15 acres).

Special Vehicles – Judith handed out City of Minneapolis’s Ordinance. Discussion regarding young drivers, driving after dark with no lights, not obeying traffic laws, etc. What do we hope to accomplish? Tabled at this time.

Toburen’s dogs were tested last Monday. We will be contacted when the results are in.

ImageQuest finally gave up on billing the City. Ward finally got through to them & they issued a credit.

Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.