

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
November 25, 2019

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M. with a motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by David Galvan. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were Textcaster, Publication of minutes, Christmas Lights, Community Building, Waste tire grants, Rec, and quotes on well.

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Cord Gwenapp, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, Dennis Kelley and City Clerk Adrienne Luthi. Visitors were Dustin Murk, (left meeting at 7:30 P.M.), Laura Bowers, and Chris Rose.

Violations were discussed. Carpenters cleaned their front porch as requested by the council, Dustin Murk spoke to Bailey Glavin about removing the vehicle beside his garage. Compliance will be focusing on inoperable vehicles the month of December.

Ward Stockamp would like the Rec added as a line item on future agendas.

Sewer cleaning was discussed. Ward Stockamp informed the council of Ottawa County Rural water's recommendation to have a camera ran through all the pipes on the normal yearly schedule. The alternative would be for KDHE to force the city to hire an engineer. The cost of the cleaning with the extra camera work would be around \$5500.00. Council agreed that the work needs to be done to avoid any trouble with KDHE.

The Ross Property was discussed. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by David Galvan to get an appraisal done on the Ross Property. Motion Carried. Ward Stockamp will contact Ray Swearingen and the appraisal company.

The arena electric was discussed. Tammy Clausten with KWAH will be taking over for Brian Kuntz and is still interested in using the arena throughout the year. Adrienne Luthi asked Tammy to come to a meeting to discuss her ideas after the first of the year, closer to the time when she is interested in renting the arena. Adrienne Luthi will ask Jeff Scheele to contact Ward Stockamp so Ward can get some more information from Jeff about the electric possibilities at the arena.

Chris Rose discussed the dirt project on the ball diamonds. They were short 5 loads of dirt. The Rec needs \$740.00 more to finish the project. The Grant was 18,300, the Rec put in \$2500.00. Motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwenapp to approve \$740.00 to come out of the Rec fund to finish the dirt project at the baseball diamonds. Motion Carried.

Ward Stockamp spoke to Fred Van Ranken about the ball diamonds. Fred informed Ward that the school is not against the possibility of selling the ball diamonds to the city, if the city would agree to honor the school's softball and baseball schedules during the school year. The school would like to send out a survey asking for the town's ideas and opinions about what they feel Bennington residents need or are interested in bringing to this community. The school would get the survey all ready and would need the city's help in spreading the work via the newsletter or a mailing.

Dustin Murk brought in three quotes for different options for the well house from Alexander Pump and Service. Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Cord Gwenapp to approve purchase of the \$8267.00 option for a new water tower level system from Alexander Pump and Service. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwenapp to adjourn meeting at 8:22 P.M. Motion Carried.