

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
April 27, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Trudi Rathbun, seconded by Brian Davidson. Motion carried. Brian Davidson, Dennis Kelley, Trudi Rathbun, Mayor Ward Stockamp and Judith Swagerty were present. Flag salute was led by Mayor Stockamp.

Additions to the agenda included, water, fire hydrants, rec center, leak at Phil Windhorst's, Bruno from Concordia and Taegan Watson/summer help.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to approve the April 13, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with one correction (alley is east of Groom's not between Swagerty and Groom) and payment of the printed list of bills. Motion carried.

Violations: none at this time. Building permit applications have been submitted from Luke & Becky Racette, Cora & Tom Woods, Rani Kinderknecht, Leann Fancher & Jay Varner, Rodney Saenger, Amy Bunting and two for Bill Taylor. They are for fences & sheds mostly. (information from text messages sent to Mayor Stockamp).

No report from Chris Rose.

Pool – business as usual unless we hear otherwise. Ward will let Mandy know. Mandy joined via phone. Will wait until Monday, May 3, to see what the governor says. If possible that we open, Mandy will have Dustin begin filling the pool. There are 3 lifeguards that need to test this year. They can do online classes and then, if possible, the water testing.

Dennis – water leak at NE corner of Arlington/Nelson (Phil Windhorst). Should know more on Wednesday. It needs a shut off, may have to do a boil water advisory. Ward asked how much a backhoe attachment for the skid steer would be. Discussion of pros & cons of trying to do this work ourselves.

Dennis – sewer – UMC has been bought out by another company. We are having problems getting them scheduled. Problem in alley between Lincoln/Parker, south of Watters. Sewer main had been tapped 3 times for one residence (twice it was not capped properly).

Dennis – fire hydrant replacements. Did not do the 2 that were scheduled for last year. A 3rd one needs to be replaced. Dustin had informed Dennis there is an outfit in Nebraska that could do the work with Taskers. Ward will talk with Dustin to get a schedule made up with Taskers.

Trudi – Rec center. Ward stated it is on hold for now due to Superintendent Van Ranken leaving. Will wait until the new superintendent is working and then get started again.

Judith – leak at Phil Windhorst's has been discussed.

Brian – Have we heard anymore from Bruno at Concordia? Ward will ask Adrienne where we are with Bruno helping us.

Summer work – Taegan Watson is interested in working for the City this summer. Nathan Miles is busy with his family and not working as much as he had previously. Taegan could work 30 hours for the City and still lifeguard at the pool. Ward informed that the hourly rate would be \$10.50 per hour. Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Brian Davidson, to hire Taegan Watson as summer help. Motion carried.

Discussed when the Sewer Lagoon Revolving Loan would be paid off. Judith will check on it.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.