

Bennington City Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 8, 2020

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 pm with a motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Trudi Rathbun. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were: dump days, Vernita Shirley, sewer rates, summer activities, Minneapolis clean up, Kyle Railroad, Bruno Rehbein.

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

Dustin Murk and Adrienne Luthi sent a list of violations and approved building permits.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty, Trudi Rathbun, David Galvan, Dennis Kelley, Brian Davidson, and city treasurer Betty Davis. Visitor was John Carson (left at 7:15 pm).

The Rec Department was discussed. Rec Director Chris Rose is checking with Minneapolis to see what activities they are doing.

John Carson asked the council why they are moving the dumpsters over by the recycling center for spring and fall clean up, he does not want it moved. John said he felt it brings people to town and also that it would cost a lot to rock the area. No Action Taken.

Council discussed sewer quotes. UMC is the only company that gave a complete quote. The second company was not complete, and the third company did not return a call. Council would like another complete quote before making any decisions on what company to use. Ward Stockamp will speak to Dustin Murk about getting another quote. Tabled until the next meeting.

Brian Davidson complained to Kyle Railroad about them leaving junk laying around and getting gravel in the culverts. Waiting to hear back from them.

Judith Swagerty created a sewer spread sheet and discussed it with the council. No Action Taken.

Judith Swagerty discussed summer activities. There will be a parade planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and community garage sales. No Action Taken.

Judith Swagerty discussed Minneapolis Cleanup with the council. Minneapolis allows residents to put items they want to get rid of on their curbs and the city picks it all up. This is an idea for Bennington. No Action Taken.

The Tractor was discussed. John Carson said the tractor was too new for him to give an accurate estimate on its value. Tabled until next meeting.

The Well 5 VFD was discussed. Dustin presented two options. Option one was an entirely new VFD which would cost between \$1400.00 and \$1500.00 and would have a one year warranty. The second option was to purchase the part to fix the VFD we have which would have no warranty and cost \$1000.00. Motion by David Galvan, second by Trudi Rathbun to buy the part for \$1000.00 to fix the VFD in well 5. Motion Carried.

Lifeguard yearly .25 cent raises were discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to approve a raise for each lifeguard coming back this year in the amount of .25 cents effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Motion Carried.

Brian Davidson discussed with the council wanting to shut down Parker Street from Parker, West to the Alley on Burlington from 12:00 noon to 10 pm on July 4, 2020. Brian Davidson would put up the barricades himself. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, second by David Galvan, to allow Brian Davidson to block the area from Parker street, West to the alley on Burlington Street on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from noon to 10pm. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion Carried.