

Bennington City Council  
Regular Meeting  
June 22, 2020

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, Mayor Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty and visitor Laura Bowers were present. Flag salute was led by Mayor Stockamp.

Additions to the agenda included use of shelter house on July 4, Parade on July 4, City-Wide Garage sales on July 11, response from Minneapolis regarding free landfill week, pool, dog pound and siren.

Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Dennis Kelley, to approve the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with one correction “Motion to buy the part for \$1000.00 to fix the VFD”, should have been “Motion to approve purchase of a new VFD”, for Well #5; and payment of the printed list of bills. Motion carried.

There was no list of violations.

Building Permits have been issued to Mike & Melinda Kilgore - fence/garage, Becky Racette - fence, Jeff Comfort - fence, Justin Long – outbuilding, Sabrina Jones – fence and Chris Rose – shed.

Recreation Dept – Ward has not talked with Chris Rose recently. Things are still on hold until fall.

Sewer rehab quote from UMC of \$74,854.00. Motion by Trudi Rathbun, seconded by David Galvan, to accept the quote from UMC for sewer rehab for sewer main south of Watters Street, between Parker/Lincoln Streets. Motion carried.

Tractor – still trying to figure value so we can sell it.

Propane for 2020-2021 heating season from CVA – 2,550 gallons at \$1.15 per gallon if pre-paid is \$2,932.50; \$3,187.50 if paid monthly (\$1.25 per gallon), requires \$532.00 down payment & payments of \$266.00 each month; or fixed price of \$1.25 per gallon plus .15 deposit and down payment of \$382.50. Tabled to July 13 meeting so we can get a proposal from Propane Central.

Pool – problem had occurred recently when spray from the track resurfacing project drifted over the barrier on the pool fence and fell onto pool patrons, the pool and concrete around the pool. Ward picked up several items to replace items that were ruined. \$5,300.00 is the amount that was figured to cover the cost of replaced items and labor of pool staff to clean the pool & area. The company will be sending a check for that amount. The city informed our insurance agent of the incident, but a claim was not filed.

Minneapolis Dog Pound was closed on June 16 for an undetermined amount of time so repairs can be made. They will notify us when it is reopened.

Judith asked about using the Shelter House from 1-3 p.m. on July 4 for the decorating of bicycles or other vehicles for the parade. She will make a sign and post it at the Shelter House.

A parade is being planned for 4 p.m. on July 4. Parade will begin at the Fire Station, if the Rural Fire Board gives approval and travel on 180<sup>th</sup> Rd/Nelson Street to North Street, then south on Parker to Bennington Street (Highway 18), then west to Lincoln Street and continue through town in this manner until they finish by going North on Putnam to Benedict Lane and disband on North Nelson Street. Concerns were voiced. Judith will contact the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department for input.

Response from City of Minneapolis regarding how they handle the free landfill days was handed out. They are interested in how Bennington does it with the roll off carts.

Siren – Judith commented that information needs to be in the City Flyer regarding the different uses of the siren. Noon whistle, 1 ½ minute up & down sounding for a fire call (repeats if necessary) and a solid 1 ½ minute whistle for a storm, take shelter. No all clear siren is blown. David mentioned that he thought a booklet was to be or had been prepared to distribute to new residents.

Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Trudi Rathbun, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.