

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2021

Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were Halpain's camper, Generator, Car at Ptacek's, Austen Huhel.

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Brian Davidson, Judith Swagerty, Cord Gwennap, and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Laura Bowers and John Trow (left meeting at 7:20 p.m.) David Galvan was absent.

Violations were discussed. Phil Windhorst will be contacted to see if he can get in contact with Andrea Windhorst about the in-operable vehicle parked at the Ptacek property. Adrienne and Dustin have sent out letters to many people about tagging their animals before the deadline. Condemnation posters were posted on the Eklund property. Marinda Eklund gave a phone number where she could be contacted, and it is no longer in service. Marinda was supposed to contact Adrienne Luthi in January and give an update on what she has done on the property to get a demolition started. Marinda never contacted the city so the posters will remain until her deadline of 6 months to get it done runs out on April 1st.

John Trow discussed the house at 409 N. Parker belonging to his Mother Hilga Trow. John asked the council to consider giving him some monetary assistance to have the house demolished. Council discussed and decided that approval for this would be on a case-by-case basis if anyone else comes forward to ask for assistance. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by Judith Swagerty to approve a payment of \$1500.00 to whomever John Trow selects to do the demo of the house. Motion Carried. Brian Davidson abstained.

The community garden yearly contract for 2021 was discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to approve the 2021 community garden contract. Motion Carried.

Debris Loader and Christmas lights were tabled until next meeting.

Public wifi was discussed. The cost for covering the block of main street between Washington and Bennington streets, the Arena, Park, Pool, and baseball diamonds would be approximately \$15,000. Council would like some sort of coverage map to see where the wifi would work at. Ward Stockamp will find out more information for the next meeting.

Halpain's camper was discussed. Council would like them ticketed for living in a camper for over 14 days according to the ordinance.

Brian Davidson discussed Austen Huhel. He spoke to the Sheriff's department about Austen and his driving the dirt bike unsafely around town. Austen received a ticket, and they will have to go to court and discuss it with the judge.

Purchasing a portable generator for Dustin was discussed. Dustin found a Craftsman 3500 W portable generator for \$450.00. Council told Adrienne Luthi to let Dustin know to go and buy it.

The tractor was discussed. Council would like Dustin to contact Charlie Kindall first and ask him if he is interested in buying it and if he is not, then list it and sell it.

Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Cord Gwennap to adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion Carried.