

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2021

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

Additions to the agenda were Merry Go Round at park, Fire Hydrants, Water Usage, CMB license for new bar owner and Bulk Water.

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Judith Swagerty, Cord Gwennap, and Dennis Kelley. Brian Davidson was absent. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Laura Bowers and Dustin Murk.

The Debris Loader was discussed. The company is no longer making the Debris loader that was approved for purchase at the last meeting. Council discussed it with Dustin Murk who is going to speak to the city of Delphos and see if they are interested in selling theirs since they do not use it much.

The Tractor was discussed. Charlie Kindall purchased the tractor with the attachments for \$4000.00.

Christmas lights for next year were discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Cord Gwennap to approve purchase of six new lights for the price of \$2,192 plus shipping. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk discussed the results of Sargent Drilling's tests on our wells with the council. Sargent drilling told Dustin that we need a lot of work on our wells. Dustin is certain that we do not need all the work on them that they say we do. Council told Dustin they trust his judgement on what does and does not need done in regarding the wells.

Bulk water was discussed. The well house has several issues, and the pipes froze in the cold weather. All of it needs to be redone if we continue to sell bulk water. If not, the pipes that allow water to get to the park and the arena would be the only thing needing fixed and it would not cost as much. Council

decided that anyone needing bulk water can purchase it from the Coop from this point forward. We do not sell enough of it to make spending all the money to fix it worth it. We will not sell bulk water any longer.

Dustin discussed with the council all the water issues we are currently having. Dustin will make a list and decide what is the most important to get done first. Dustin informed the council that some grants and other money may be available to help pay for these things. Adrienne Luthi will add to the next agenda.

Fire Hydrants were discussed. Dustin informed the council that Tasker's are still planning on taking care of this, we are on the list to get them done.

Cord Gwennap would like to know what our water usage is for a month compared to previous years of the same month. Adrienne Luthi will run reports for the next meeting.

The merry go round at the park was discussed. Dustin will remove the equipment, so no one gets hurt on it. It is old, falling apart and no longer safe. We will look at some safer options to replace it.

The CMB license for Eric Campbell, owner of the new Bennington Saloon was discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwennap to approve the CMB license for Eric Campbell, dba Bennington Saloon. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by David Galvan to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion Carried.