

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
March 8, 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 Floodplain review meeting, Dog Park

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

Present at the meeting were: Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Brian Davidson, Judith Swagerty, Cord Gwennap, and Dennis Kelley. Betty Davis was also present. Visitors were Laura Bowers, Chris Rose, Stephanie Jensen, and Mandy Gantenbein (left meeting at 7:40 p.m.)

Chris Rose, Rec Director, informed the council he was moving forward with T-ball and coach pitch. He is planning a workday on the ballfield and will ask for volunteers. Chris is also going to talk to the school about planting grass.

Mandy Gantenbein informed the council that the pool was on track to open as usual. Will clean more like last summer. Projected opening is the weekend after school is out. Mandy will get a quote on chemicals from Sunflower, chemicals have been a little hard to get. Mandy will call Dustin Murk and see if they have any chemicals left over from last year and let him know the east wall has no power in the building area. Mandy asked for \$10.00 per hour for Caleb Kohen and Mattie Matthews who are going to be helping her train seven new guards. Mandy also asked for a \$.25 cent an hour raise for the four returning lifeguards from last year.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve Mandy's requests for raises and to approve a \$200.00 dollar a month raise for Mandy Gantenbein. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk sent a note updating the council on the fire hydrants. Taskers stated they were planning on starting the week of the 15th through the 19th.

Dustin Murk received a \$500.00 offer for the box blade we no longer use. Council discussed it and said it is worth more than that. We need to get at least \$700.00 for it.

The merry go round was discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Judith Swagerty to approve purchase of a new merry go round for the city park for \$5702.00. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk asked for a broom attachment for the skid steer. Tabled until next meeting, ask Dustin Murk to come to the meeting to discuss the broom and curb and gutter.

The insurance quote from the Davidson Agency was discussed. Council said to make sure the equipment list is correct.

The CD's were discussed. Judith will call the state and see what all options if any are available to us to perhaps do something different than the CD's.

Stephanie Jensen came to talk about her idea to put in a dog park in the area next to the city park. Stephanie will research cost of fencing, gates, signs, etc and bring in the numbers for the council to review.

Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Cord Gwennap to rescind the ordinance banning specific breeds of dogs and modify the vicious dog ordinance as needed. Motion failed 2-3. Judith Swagerty, Dennis Kelley and David Galvan all voted no.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried.