

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
March 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: Park, Investment of city funds, Fire hydrants, Equipment.

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, Brian Davidson, Judith Swagerty, Cord Gwennap, and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Dustin Murk(left at 8:45), Stephanie Jensen (arrived at 7:08 and left at 8:40), Pam Irwin, Warren Mc Dougal, Rosemary Neaderhiser(all left at 7:15), Chris Rose (left at 8:45), and Mary Ardis (left at 8:45).

Chris Rose, Recreation Director, addressed the council regarding the park. Chris said there is quite a bit of work that needs to be done. There are some broken and missing swings; the sand pit needs new toys and sand replaced. Chris thought that \$450.00 would be enough to fix and replace the swings and maybe part of the other things needing done. Chris will get some totals together and see where we are after that. There was a motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve up to 500.00 to do improvements to the park. Motion Carried.

Chris Rose discussed all that has been done on the baseball field with the recreation grant they received. There was discussion on the city wanting to perhaps purchase the land from the school. Two school board members and the superintendant were present. There was discussion about different expectations from the school and the city, and who would be maintaining the fields etc, the city council stated they would meet scholastic requirements that would be standard for scholastic fields. Members from the school stated they would discuss it at their next meeting in April and will give us a call.

The zoning board of appeals was discussed. They have been short members for a long time. Ward Stockamp read the ordinance stating that it was up to the City's discretion whether or not to have out of town or in town people on the board. John Earl has been interested in being on the board but no one realized that we did not have to have anyone from out of town according to the ordinance. Because our ordinance states there does not have to be anyone from out of the city limits, a motion was made by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to appoint John Earl to the Zoning board of appeals for a three year term. Motion Carried.

Stephanie Jensen informed the council that she had not had a chance to call and get quotes for the fencing and other items needed for the dog park. Stephanie had a google map picture which showed the council what she had in mind for the layout of the park. Council told her to get quotes and bring them to the next meeting.

Equipment was discussed regarding the many meters that need to be replaced and dug out. Ward Stockamp found an excavator that would do the job that Tasker's do now and discussed that since they are going to retire in a year, Dustin is going to need another option to get these things done. The excavator that Ward Stockamp looked at would be \$30,000. Ward told Dustin Murk he needed to look over this excavator and make sure it would work for all the things he needs to do. Dustin Murk will talk to Mike at Bobcat about the excavator and get two other quotes.

Sunflower pool and patio quote for pool chemicals was discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwennap, to approve the quote from Sunflower pool and patio for pool chemicals in the amount of \$3415.82. Motion Carried.

David Galvan came and worked for many hours and has more to do at the city office on the computer system that crashed. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by Brian Davidson to approve payment at \$30.00 per hour for 10 hours of Tech support to David Galvan for work done at the Bennington City Office. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried.