

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
April 12, 2021

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Present at the meeting were David Galvan, Brian Davidson, Cord Gwennap, and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Ward Stockamp and Judith Swagerty were absent. Visitors were Craig and Jill Duhr, left at 7:15, Jason Schur, Left at 7:18, Crystal VanCovern, Left at 7:04, Kyle Murphy, Left at 7:40, John and Cheryl Hardesty, Left at 7:22, Stephanie Jensen arrived at 7:03 and left at 8:14, Dustin Murk, Don Weiland and Chris Rose.

Rodeo Fun day was discussed. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by Brian Davidson to approve fun day on June 5th from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m., and all the activities including the parade, along with blocking off the streets for the needed times. Motion Carried.

Craig Duhr addressed the council regarding the possibility of having a street dance at the new bar GR Parker if they can get it all the renovations done by the Rodeo. No action taken. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the CMB license for Craig Duhr doing business as GR Parker. Motion Carried.

John Hardesty discussed the refuse contract with MRS. The contract is up and needs renewed. John provided a new contract and will be raising the trash charge to \$13.50. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Cord Gwennap to renew the contract with MRS and raising the trash charge from \$12.00 to \$13.50 per month, per resident. Motion Carried.

Bids for demo on 423 N. Lincoln were tabled until the next meeting. Brian Davidson had to abstain and there were not enough members to take a vote.

Chris Rose updated the council on the summer sports. He is still working on the park updates. He found a merry go round, sand box toys, an adaptive swing and some climbing features. The entire project will be between \$9,000 and \$11,000 dollars including the amount of the merry go round that has already been approved. Council told him to bring in solid numbers after he gets it all figured out. No action taken.

Quotes were reviewed for the new computers for the offices. David Galvan has wiped clean the computers we have and they are ready to get everything loaded back on to them. David is working on getting the accounting program to sync and other items. Council agreed that as long as they are working fine, we don't need to buy new ones at this time.

The old fire hydrants were discussed. Council decided that they will be put up for sealed bid separately, one hydrant per person, and the bids will be opened at the first meeting in May. Adrienne Luthi will put something in the newsletter for May so everyone will have a chance to bid on them.

Stephanie Jensen brought in information for supplies and quotes for the dog park. Stephanie still needs quotes for labor for the fence. Adrienne Luthi will print out all the contractors who do fences and bring the information on April 26th for Stephanie.

Dustin Murk is waiting on a quote for the water tower inspection. He will bring it to the next meeting.

Dustin Murk discussed the mini excavator and has decided it will not work for what he needs to do the same job that Tasker's do. The bucket is way too small, it is very slow so he would need a trailer to take it around and then have somewhere to store it when it was not in use. Dustin spoke to Construction Rental and the smallest one they have is double the size of the one we looked at. It would be cheaper and make more sense to rent one when he needed one, especially when he has many to do at one time. This way we can rent the size of excavator he really needs to do the job much quicker and we would not have to pay to keep it up and to store it somewhere. Council told him to do whatever he thinks is best.

Dustin Murk discussed needing a mower. Dustin would rather buy a mower and said it would save a lot of money in the long run if we kept the mower for 5 years and then sold it and got a new one. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by Brian Davidson to approve the purchase of a new mower which Dustin can choose, of no more than \$11,500 dollars. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Cord Gwennap to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion Carried.