

Bennington City Council

Regular Meeting

April 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by David Galvan, seconded by Brian Davidson. Motion carried. Brian Davidson, David Galvan, Cord Gwennap, Dennis Kelley, Mayor Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty, City Man Dustin Murk (arrived at 7:01 p.m.) and visitors Laura Bowers and Bernie Regnier (left at 7:10 p.m.) were present. Flag salute was led by Mayor Stockamp.

Additions to the agenda included Zoning, Composting restroom for the park and sewer problems of a citizen.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by Brian Davidson, to approve the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented and payment of the printed list of bills. Motion carried.

Bernie Regnier was present to discuss his request for a Fireworks Stand and display. He has his insurance coverage. Fireworks may be brought to town on June 16. The date & time for the display at the Bennington Bible Church property is 4 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. on July 4 with the same time on July 5 as the alternate date. Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Brian Davidson, to approve both the Fireworks Stand and the Display. Motion carried.

Bernie thanked the council for the street work and the fire hydrant replacements.

Dustin had a quote from Central Tank & Coating for ten-year contract at \$2,250.00 each year. They come every year. KDHE requires maintenance every three years. Maquire Iron and Pittsburg Tank both quoted \$1,650; \$1,650; \$1,850; \$1,850; \$1,950 and \$1,950 in their ten-year contract quotes. Inspections every other year. Pittsburg Tank had a lot of questions and a list of items they want the city to provide. Dustin recommended going with Maquire Iron. He has worked with them previously. Motion by David Galvan, seconded by Cord Gwennap, to approve a 10-year contract with Maquire Iron, beginning 2022, with inspections every other year. Motion carried.

Dustin brought up an issue with a sewer main on private property. Two mains each that come off the City's main and go to two houses that are side by side. The plumber that had been called by one homeowner, had told her that the two mains were joined together. They are not. We had no roots in our main. A cutting blade, from the plumbers used by the first property owner, broke off their equipment. Minneapolis ran their jetter and had no problems. The first property owner's plumber did not have a City

license and were informed they did need to get a license. To date they have not. Discussion regarding expenses incurred by the first property owner. The Property owner had been advised to come to the meeting to discuss the problem. The property owner was not present, no action was taken.

City-wide clean up – Dustin will find out if his part-time help can work some on the weekends. Judith stated she could volunteer some time at the site.

\$4,000+ for fencing at the dog parks proposed by Mrs. Jensen. A list of fencing installers had been prepared for Mrs. Jensen. She was not present to receive them.

Application for a goat permit was received from Kyrsten Rodenbeek. There was only one signature on the application. She said that Jerry Spears had given verbal approval. Needs the signatures of all property owners within 150' of her property. Tabled to lack of signatures.

Bids to demo the Eklund property at 423 N. Lincoln. Davidson Construction \$7,500.00 and MLC Enterprises (Derrick Murphy) \$7,500.00 were the bids submitted. Motion by Cord Gwennap, seconded by David Galvan, to approve the bid from Davidson Construction. Motion carried, 4 -0-1. Brian Davidson abstained from voting. There is a problem with the deed to the property.

Computers in the City Office – David cleaned up the current computers. \$75.00 for 8 gig ram. Betty's laptop has been wiped clean.

Judith asked who had been appointed to the Zoning Board to replace Dustin when he was appointed, with Clerk Adrienne Luthi, to be Compliance Officers.

Judith brought up the possibility of a composting restroom at the park/arena area. It is okay to do some more research.

Moton by David Galvan, seconded by Brian Davidson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.