

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
May 10, 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: Chicken/Goat Permit for Kyrsten Rodenbeek, Fema Letter, Water Leak, and Audit.

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

Violations for many inoperable vehicles are ongoing. Many have already been removed or tagged and insured.

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 Kristine Dickson (left at 7:40), Chris Rose, Craig Duer (left at 7:30), Michelle Glavin, Sydney Reeves, Keegan Reeves (all left at 8:00), Aaron Crowder, Ashley Reeves, Madilyn and Mckenna Reeves (all left at 7:10), Jenny Saylor (left at 8:00), and Jay Wagner (arrived at 7:20 left at 8:00).

Chris Rose discussed the Recreation Department business and brought in a list of new playground items he picked out to order. These items including a Merry go round, 2 diggers for the sand box, 2 ADA Swings and a super dome climbing structure. These items will cost \$11,475.00 total including the merry go round which was already approved for \$5700.00. It will take about four weeks to produce and ship the items. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by David Galvan to approve purchase of the above mentioned items for a total of \$11,475.00. Motion Carried.

Chris Rose also discussed the baseball field dugouts. He stated that Dawn Wolf has approximately \$3300.00 left from the grant she received which will not be enough to cover all of the cost. Chris wanted to be able to perhaps cover the rest out of the Rec fund. Council told Chris to do what he thinks is best. Different options were discussed for dugouts and Cord Gwennap will work on coming up with something that would be like a metal lean-to to cover the dugouts. This option would last a long time and not require a lot of maintenance. No action taken.

Ashley Reeves addressed the counsel regarding opening a daycare in the building owned by Jay and Sharolyn Wagner. The C-3 business district zoning does not allow daycares to operate in

the business district at this time. Mayor Ward Stockamp advised that they had some options, one being to pay the \$150.00 fee and ask to meet with the Zoning board and discuss getting a variance or a special use permit for the daycare. Another option would be to ask the board to change the zoning to include daycares in the C-3 business district. No action taken.

Craig Duer representing GR Parker asked for approval of a resolution, number 2021-5, allowing alcoholic liquor to be sold on the street between K-18 highway and Washington street on June 5th from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight for the Rodeo Street Dance and blocking off the streets between K-18 Highway and Washington Street. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve Resolution 2021-5, allowing Craig Duer dba GR Parker to Block of the streets between K-18 Highway and Washington streets on June 5th 2021 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight and to sell alcoholic liquor outside between the same streets on the same date and time. Motion Carried. Council also strongly suggested that Craig Duer make sure he had some people to keep things orderly during the dance.

Kristine Dickson came to discuss her bill for sewer problems at 501 N. Stark. There are many roots in the sewer and because the city could not prove that the main had not backed up and caused some of the problem, she asked the council if they would be willing to help with the bill. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to pay half of the \$1625.00 bill received for the sewer repair. Motion Carried.

Jenny Saylor of 503 N. Stark came to discuss her sewer issues that resulted because of the issues at Kristine Dickson's home at 501 N. Stark. Her bill was \$262.50. Motion by Cord Gwennap, second by Brian Davidson to pay half of Jenny Saylor's bill of \$262.50. Motion Carried.

Jay Wagner discussed a boom truck he wanted to give the city in trade for the city pouring concrete around the new water meter in front of the property he owns that was previously the hair salon. Jay will sign the title for the boom truck over to the city. Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson to accept Jay Wagner's offer of the boom truck in exchange for concrete work to be done in front of his property on Nelson Street. Motion Carried.

Sealed bids for the four fire hydrants were opened at the meeting. There were three bids, Kyrsten Rodenbeek for \$76.00, Janice Schmidt for \$50.00, Tony Swetson for \$50.00 and a note stating that if there were any left, he would purchase them for \$50.00 each as well if the city agreed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to accept all three bids, with two going to Tony Swetson for \$100.00. Motion Carried.

Audit information was discussed. Summers Spencer and Company submitted an email stating that the audit price would increase from \$8300.00 for the 2019 audit to \$8600.00 for the 2020 audit. Adrienne Luthi brought a quote from Steven Connelly out of Kansas City after asking on

the list serve, printing out many cities responses and finding out that he is very knowledgeable on our accounting program and is currently doing the audits of several cities who also use the same NA program. His quote was \$6570.00 to \$6985.00 for 2020. Although significantly lower than Summer Spencer and Company, the council would like Adrienne Luthi to talk to one of the cities who used someone out of Council Grove Kansas who charged \$3300.00. Tabled until next meeting.

The annual dog pound contract with the City of Minneapolis was approved with a motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwennap. Motion Carried.

The annual contract with Anita Goertzen dba City Aid was also approved with a motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley. Motion Carried.

The chicken/goat permit for Krysten Rodenbeek was discussed. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve the chicken/goat permit for Krysten Rodenbeek. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion Carried.