

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
05/24/2021

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 city equipment storage, speed bump on Parker street, Cord Gwennap resignation, bucket truck, concrete bids.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the printed list of bills and the minutes as written. Motion carried.

No new violations still following up on previous violations.

Present at the meeting were Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty, Dennis Kelley, Brian Davidson, David Galvan, and Cord Gwennap, Adrienne Luthi and Dustin Murk were also present. Visitors were Laura Bowers, Eric Campbell, Jason Torrey, Richard Zimmerman, Keegan Reeves and Sidney Reeves.

Eric Campbell, Jason Torrey and Richard Zimmerman dba The Bennington Saloon presented the council with a resolution allowing alcohol to be served on the street between Washington and Bennington streets for the street dance after the rodeo on Saturday the 5th of June from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Motion by David Galvan, second by Cord Gwennap to approve resolution 2021-6 for The Bennington Saloon. Motion Carried.

The City audit was discussed. After looking at a couple options from the list serve, it was decided that the annual audit will be Steven Connelly out of Kansas City. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve using Steven Connelly CPA for the annual audit with a cost of \$6985.00 motion carried.

Daycare on Nelson Street was tabled until the next meeting.

Properties needing repair or demo were discussed. Brian Davidson asked about taking out one more tree on the Eklund property that really needs to go. We also need to figure out what the next step is since Hagmeier's and Scheibler's have neither one completed taking care of their properties to the council's satisfaction.

The railroad has dumped a bunch of ties in the ditch that is connected to Brian Davidson's property. When we got a lot of rain, the ditch was full of water and it was flowing towards Davidson's property. Ward Stockamp will call the railroad and discuss it with a supervisor.

City equipment storage was discussed. We are in need of more space. It was discussed asking the fire board if we could use a bay in the old fire department to store our bucket truck. Adrienne Luthi will get a list of the fire board and emails for them and send it to Ward Stockamp.

Don Wagners gift to the city of the lot on Nelson Street was discussed. The possibility of a pocket park and splash park were discussed. Ward Stockamp had some information but will get some more options for the next meeting.

Cord Gwennap addressed the council on resigning his council position as of July 1st. Ward Stockamp told Cord to send Adrienne an email stating his intentions and that would serve as his resignation to be voted on at the next meeting.

Dustin Murk discussed the bucket truck. He tried to work on it and the hydraulic lines were blowing off and it needs to be fixed. Dustin wants to take the truck to Ginder hydraulic for the work. Ward Stockamp told Dustin to take it to Continental Hydraulic and have Dave Carson tell us what it would cost to have it fixed. It will be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Dustin Murk discussed bids for the concrete job in front of the Wagner's property. The council looked at three bids and a motion was made by Dennis Kelley, second by Judith Swagerty to accept the bid of \$3000.00 from Justin Smith. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion Carried.