

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
08/23/2021

The revenue neutral rate hearing was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to pass resolution 2021-07 to allow possibly exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the revenue neutral rate hearing at 7:01 p.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to bring budget hearing to order at 7:01 p.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to adopt the new budget for 2022. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Clinton Katt to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

Regular Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by David Galvan, second by Judith Swagerty. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were: Noxious Weeds, Northview addition, animal droppings and truck repair.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve 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, Clinton Katt and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Dustin Murk (arrived at 7:07), Lynne and Robert Hagmeier (left at 7:15).

Ward discussed meeting with the school board about the baseball fields. The school is concerned about having control over the appearance and condition of the fields, the city does not want to put any more money into something that is not owned by the city. There was discussion about creating a non-profit organization with the school and the city and the school would both own them. There is more discussion needed before any decisions will be made regarding this.

Lynne and Robert Hagmeier discussed their demo project with the council. They wanted to know if the city would put anything towards the cost of demolition of their property. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by David Galvan to give Lynne and Robert Hagmeier \$1000.00 to help with the cost of demo at 108 N. Stark Street. Motion Carried.

The newsletter/survey was discussed. Council said it looked good and to add the city email and send them out.

An animal permit submitted by Lynn Moss was discussed. Lynn has a pot belly pig she wants to keep in town. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve the special animal permit allowing Lynn Moss to keep the pig in the city limits. Motion Carried.

The Spray park was discussed. Only one quote was received for the work needing done. We need three quotes. Dustin Murk discussed concerns about water use and asked if we could get some more information on a recycled system instead of using so much water. There are also concerns about discharging the water into our sewer ponds that are not large enough to handle the amount of water the park would create. Discussed the possibility of putting a new sewer pond in because we need one and our GO bond is almost paid off. Table until the next meeting. Ward Stockamp will ask the rain deck people for a new quote adding the recycled plan. We will also get feedback from the newsletter for the next meeting.

Dennis Kelley is concerned about the bull head stickers that seem to be in many locations around town. Who is responsible for them? Council said it is the home owner's responsibility to take care of this problem.

Horse droppings are still an issue around town from the pair that ride horses often around the city. The Council would like a letter sent to the horse owner along with a copy of the ordinance prohibiting allowing animals to leave droppings on the street without cleaning them up.

The fence at the park was discussed. Dustin Murk stated that people have gotten cut, it is damaged and the gate is broken. The entire fence needs replaced. Dustin will get some quotes.

Dustin Murk will also get some quotes for a new Basket ball court at the park.

Dustin Murk advised the council that the rear end has went out of the truck and needs repaired. Dustin Murk brought in a quote from Long McArthur for \$3,430.19. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve repair of the truck by Long McArthur for \$3,430.19. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk needs new tired on the Kabota. He found some street tires that will hold up much better. Peerless tire has them for \$127.99 each. Motion by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve purchase of a new set of tires for the Kubota. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Judith Swagerty to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried.