

Bennington City Council
Regular Minutes
October 25, 2021

The Bennington City Council meeting held on October 25, 2021 was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by Brian Davidson. Motion carried.

Brian Davidson, David Galvan, Clinton Katt, Dennis Kelley, Judith Swagerty; Rec Commission Director Chris Rose. Operations Worker Dustin Murk (arrived at 7:04 p.m.) and visitor Laura Bowers, were present.

Additions to the Agenda: Flood Plain Open House.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Brian Davidson, to approve the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented and payment of the printed list of bills. Motion carried.

Recreation Director Chris Rose informed the council that he had received notice of grant receipts of \$7,000.00 from the Ottawa County Community Foundation for the basketball court project at the park. His quote request is for a 56' x 57' (1/2 size court). Moving the location to the SW corner of the park. He will get quotes for the project. He had requested \$19,000.00. He talked with Michelle Johnson, she mentioned the spray park and encouraged the application for grant funds to help with the project. The existing basketball court will probably be removed to make room for the spray park.

Dustin needs to replace the pole saw. \$650.00 would be the cost of a new expandable pole saw. Motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by Judith Swagerty, to approve spending up to \$650.00 for an extendable pole saw. Motion carried.

Dump truck – rear end (ring & pinion) needs to be replaced. He has been using his pickup. Brian Pratt had been looking for the repair parts. Chris Rose will check around. The truck is a 2007 350 1 ton dually.

Dustin reported he had been approached to coach Junior High wrestling. He would need to be at the school by 3:00 p.m. to drive the team to Minneapolis for practice. He could work from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Consensus of the council that he could do this.

Dennis asked about using the bucket truck to trim trees overhanging the streets. Discussed alternate ways to trim them was discussed.

Two slabs of concrete were removed at the pool. The leak was found. A 2" water line was completely broken. Dustin will cap the line. This will make a big difference in how much water was being used at the pool.

Brian said that if Dustin can't get the truck taken care of to let him know. He would see what he could find out.

Insurance proceeds fund. Ordinance from Andover was in the information for the meeting. This would help ensure that debris from a fire, storm, etc. would be paid for from the homeowner's home insurance. Motion by Brian Davidson, seconded by Judith Swagerty, to table this to the next meeting. Motion carried.

Spray park - \$41,340.00 quote from All About Construction for concrete & to set the features. The project can be done with a ¾" water line. Doesn't take much water since it recycled.

Dennis asked about fire hydrant replacements. Two more are planned for this year. Discussed Taskers retiring. Dustin thought they would be retiring in 2023.

Judith informed the council that the Flood Plain Open House will be held in the meeting room of the Minneapolis Public Library from 2-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3. Information will be given to Adrienne so it can be included in the next newsletter.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Dennis Kelley, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.