

Bennington City Council
Regular Minutes
03/14/2022

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

Addition to the agenda was skid steer tires.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Laura Bowers to approve the printed list of bills and the minutes as written. Motion Carried.

Present at the meeting was Mayor Ward Stockamp, David Galvan, Brian Davidson, Judith Swagerty, Laura Bowers and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Alexis and Victor Murillo, Chris Rose and Don Weiland.

Chris Rose updated the council that there have been no applicants for the Recreation Director position. Chris is writing up a quick grant to see if we can get some more money for the park area.

The annual community garden contract was discussed. Motion was made by David Galvan, second by Brian Davidson to approve the community garden agreement for the 2022 season. Motion Carried.

The splash pad was discussed. Dennis Kelley addressed the council regarding the placement of the splash pad inside the pool area. The council agreed that they did not like the placement because it took up too much of the pool area. Council also wants the splash pad to be open longer than the pool is because the weather is nice long after the pool closes for the year. Council does not want people to have to pay to use the splash pad; they would like it to be free and to move it to the west side of the pool in the park area. Motion was made by Brian Davidson, second by Dennis Kelley to move the splash pad to the west side of the pool and to make it free to the public. Motion Carried. Dustin Murk will be notified to get in touch with Chuck Kiefer who is doing all the pool work as soon as possible and let him know of the changes.

Victor Murillo applied for the recreation director position as well as the assistant pool manager position. Alexis Murillo applied for the pool manager position. Ward Stockamp went over both applicants applications with the council. The recreation director position was offered to Victor Murillo at \$300.00 per month, who accepted the position. Alexis Murillo was offered the pool manager position at \$1800.00 per month May-August. Alexis Murillo accepted the position. Victor Murillo will also be the assistant pool manager at \$10.50 per hour. Motion was made by Dennis Kelley, second by David Galvan to hire Victor Murillo as the assistant pool manager for 10.50 per hour and the Recreation Director position for \$300.00 per month, also to hire Alexis Murillo as the new pool manager for \$1800.00 per month May through August. Motion Carried.

Pool Chemicals were discussed. The quote from Sunflower pool and patio was \$7900.63 for the 2022 season. Now that the pool will be fixed, we are probably not going to use quite this much chemical any longer. Chemicals are very hard to get right now and council decided that the extra chemicals could be stored since the work on the pool will hopefully help with the chemical use. Motion by David Galvan, second by Laura Bowers to approve the chemical purchase from Sunflower pool and patio for \$7900.63. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk needs new tires for the skid steer. He has found some for \$200.00 to \$222.00 each mounted. Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to approve purchase of skid steer tires for up to \$222.00 each. Motion Carried.

Motion by David Galvan, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Motion Carried.