

Bennington City Council
Regular Minutes
04/11/2022

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, Fence west of park, restrooms at park, and rodeo grounds.

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

Violations were discussed. Adrienne Luthi sent letters to Jerry Henderson to clean up and repair fenced off area on Bennington Street, Jon Helm and Ward Stockamp regarding property at 316 N. Lincoln.

Present at the meeting were David Galvan, Brian Davidson, Judith Swagerty, Laura Bowers, and Dennis Kelley. Ward Stockamp was absent. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Jeff Scheele, (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Donna Polich, Chuck Keifer, Pam Irwin (left at 7:35p.m.) Jeff Shamburg (left at 7:35 p.m.) Crystal Vancoevern, Kaiser Vancoevern, Nate Vancoevern, (All arrived at 7:02 p.m. and left at 7:25 p.m.) and Dustin Murk.

Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Laura Bowers to go in to executive session at 7:05 pm for 10 minutes regarding legal matters of the city. Motion Carried. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn executive session at 7:11 p.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson to table the special event permits until the next meeting. Motion Carried.

Crystal Vancoevern discussed the annual fun day on Saturday, June 4th during the 2022 rodeo weekend. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Brian Davidson to approve rodeo fun day and blocking off the streets for all the various events from 6:30 a.m.until the parade gets over and to approve free swim day on Saturday, June 4th. Motion Carried.

Pam Irwin and Jeff Shamburg with USD 240 came to discuss the fence in the baseball diamonds that needs replaced. They were asking the city to consider paying for part of the fence. Council discussed the fact that the City wants to own things they put taxpayer money in. The school mentioned making that piece of property a non-profit if that was possible. Council wants us to speak to Ward Stockamp about sitting down with our attorney and figure out the legalities of it. No Action Taken.

Results from the list serve regarding the City Operations helping out residents were discussed. Dustin Murk asked that the city council leave things as they are and allow him to do what he needs to do to help when needed. Council agreed to allow Dustin Murk to handle these situations in the future.

Chuck Keifer discussed electric work needing done at the pool area. Rick with D.R.C.L Electric was contacted and looking in to what was going to be needed. Chuck also presented a quote to the council for additional things we need for the pool area because of the movement of the splash pad. The quote was for \$23,904.00. Motion was made by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to approve full payment of All about Constructions' quote of \$23,904.00 Motion Carried.

Candidates for compliance officer were discussed. Jeff Scheele, a Bennington Resident was hired as the new Compliance officer/Zoning administrator for the City of Bennington effective immediately. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Dennis Kelley to hire Jeff Scheele as the new compliance officer/zoning administrator for the City of Bennington at \$300.00 per month. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk brought quotes for fencing for the park area. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Dennis Kelley to approve quote from Salina Fence Company for 4' galvanized fence on the west side of the park for \$6367.43 and 6' steel spear tip fencing material on the South side of the park for \$8515.80. Total of \$14,883.23 to Salina Fence Company, Salina Kansas. Motion Carried.

Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Judith Swagerty to table discussion of 316 N. Lincoln until the next meeting. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion Carried.