

Bennington City Council  
Regular Meeting  
07/11/2022

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

Additions to the agenda were: Splash pad, lift truck, pool level, executive session for financial matters of a third party.

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

Jeff Scheele updated the council on a written complaint for an over grown yard. Will be mowed by this weekend. Jeff discussed several properties he is or will be working on.

Present at the meeting were David Galvan, Judith Swagerty, Laura Bowers and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Mayor Ward Stockamp and Brian Davidson were absent. Visitors were Chris Rose (left at 7:40 p.m.), Jeff Scheele, and Dustin Murk who arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Chris Rose discussed the grant for work at the ball diamonds. Council would like Chris to discuss this with Victor Murillo.

Council discussed the South Central Paving increase for oil. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> increase of the quote for the oil price increases. Motion Carried.

The 2023 budget was reviewed and discussed by the council. There were no changes made. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the 2023 budget as prepared. Motion Carried.

The council looked over the heating and air companies and their charges. We will continue with S and D heating and cooling.

The Revenue Neutral rate intent sheet was approved with a motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley that the City of Bennington does intend on exceeding the Revenue neutral rate. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk discussed Nathan Miles pay for working for him when he cannot be here. Dustin would like him to make \$20.00 per hour to make it worth his while so he does not lose him since he knows how to take care of the water tower and wells. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Judith Swagerty to pay Nathan Miles \$20.00 per hour as a part time, on call as needed employee. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Laura bowers to go into executive session for financial matters of the third party at 8:15 to 8:30. Motion Carried Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. No Action Taken.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Judith Swagerty to go into executive session at 8:31 p.m. for 10 minutes for discussion of personnel.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to approve cost of living raises for Taygen Watson \$2.00 per hour, Dustin Murk \$2.00 per hour, Adrienne Luthi \$1.50 per hour and Jeff Scheele to \$400.00 per month, which will be revisited after he gets some training. The health benefit for full time employees will be left at \$600.00 per month. Motion Carried.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Judith Swagerty to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion Carried.