Bennington City Council Regular Meeting 07/25/2022

The July 25, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by Laura Bowers. Motion carried.

Laura Bowers, Brian Davidson (arrived at 7:13 p.m.), David Galvan, Dennis Kelley, Judith Swagerty, Compliance Officer Jeff Scheele, Treasurer Amy Stevens (arrived at 7:05 p.m.) Operations Worker Dustin Murk (arrived at 7:16 p.m..), and visitor Chris Rose were present.

Additions to the Agenda: Fire hydrants, Rodeo grounds restrooms & minutes

Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Laura Bowers, to approve the July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes with two corrections (2nd line of page 2 should state financial matters of a third party) and (5th line of page 2, should state discussion of non-elected personnel) and payment of the printed list of bills. Motion carried.

Jeff reported a violation behind Tim Boss, person wanting to purchase a new house (next door to Laird), Brian Pratt's building permit for house on Parker Street has not been amended. A cease & desist order should be issued. Adrianne has ordered paper so new door hangers can be printed. No progress on the building on the north side of the railroad tracks at Struble Street. They need to apply for a Demo Permit.

Chris Rose met with Victor Murillo prior to the meeting. Bid for Astro Turf had been received. Chris may see about the cost of used Astro Turf. Brian Levendofsky had submitted the only bid for concrete work (\$5,300.00). Netting needs to be purchased. Chris estimated that the \$10,000. Grant received should take care of a big portion of the total cost. School will also be contributing funds toward to project. Basketball goals in the park – nothing done yet. Chris will get the ball rolling.

Dustin – the damaged mushroom from the spray pad cannot be repaired. There are some items that can be returned (we won't need them). Hopefully we can get a refund for them. The mushroom was for residential, not commercial use.

Use of City fire hydrant for watering the football field while the school waits for a pump to irrigate the field. May use a system from the Fire Department. Motion by Judith Swagerty, seconded by Laura Bowers, to meter the water from the fire hydrant and bill them the bulk water rate for water used.

Fire hydrants – Taskers may be able to install some in September. (4 hopefully, 8 are needed)

Restroom plans – Dustin hasn't had time to look at the plans. Laura asked about using the restrooms at the pool. Not a good idea due to possibility of vandalism.

Laura asked to have the minutes emailed on Fridays before the Monday meetings, so council has time to look them over.

Brian Davidson stated he had purchased the house east of Jerry Henderson's rental on Bennington Street. Takes possession October 1.

Brian asked about the trailer across from the school. Need to find out what's going on. Beemer's want to tear down their house (NE corner of Washington/Putnam). Brian is trying to get Jerry Henderson to tear down his rental house on Bennington Street (SE corner of Bennington/Struble). Consensus of the council to have Adrianne contact the school superintendent and invite the people involved with the proposed daycare to our next meeting.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, seconded by Brian Davidson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.