

Bennington City Council
Regular Meeting
10/10/2022

The 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 Generator, Bennington Family Center, Porta-potties at ball diamonds, Twin Valley fiber project, and vacation of Trenton Street (Struble to Lincoln).

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

Violations: Jeff Scheele updated the council on violations he is working on throughout the city.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty, Brian Davidson, Jeff Scheele, Laura Bowers and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Mark, Shelby and McKenzie Walker, Jeff Shamburg, Tom Ellers (left at 7:30), Leanna Stanton (left at 7:15), and Dustin Murk (arrived at 7:25).

Victor Murillo turned in his resignation as Recreation Director as of October 31, 2022. Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Jeff Scheele to accept Victor Murillo's resignation as of October 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

Brian Davidson withdrew his resignation from the council. No Action Taken.

Jeff Shamburg discussed the proposed Bennington Family Center. Applying for a conditional use permit was discussed to avoid having to change the zoning at this time because they are not planning on changing anything on the property except perhaps putting up a fence. Jeff Shamburg will fill out the paperwork for a conditional use permit and bring to the city office.

The porta-potties at the ball diamonds were discussed. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Judith Swagerty to discontinue use of the porta-potties at the ball diamonds effective October 31, 2022. Motion Carried. Adrienne Luthi will call and cancel them.

Franchise fees were discussed. In the results of a list serve question to determine what other cities throughout the area were receiving, most of them are getting one dollar per customer per month for Twin Valley Telephone Co. Aaron will be asked to write up a contract asking Twin Valley for 5% of total customer payments regardless of the service, or one dollar per month per customer regardless of the service, including cable, internet and phone.

The old generator was discussed. Council would like it listed for sealed bids. Adrienne Luthi will list it on the next newsletter in November and at the same time; send out a text caster message to reach as many people as possible.

Vacating Trenton Street from Struble to Lincoln was discussed. A copy of the ordinance was found, but it was never filed with the county and it was not signed by the previous city clerk or the Mayor at the time. Amy Stevens will present this copy that was found, to the county and see if they will accept it. If they won't, we will have to do it over again and file it properly.

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.