

Bennington City Council  
Regular Minutes  
02/13/2023

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

Additions to the agenda were council room ceiling and House.

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

Present at the meeting were Judith Swagerty, Jeff Scheele, Brian Davidson, Laura Bowers and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Ward Stockamp was absent. Visitors were Chris Rose and Mark Walker.

Jeff Scheele discussed violations.

Community Garden agreement was approved for the 2023 season with a motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley. Motion Carried.

Grace Lawrence's plumbing bill was discussed. Dustin Murk sent a note to the council informing them of the issues and that we needed to pay the bill. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Dennis Kelley to approve paying City Plumbing \$379.00 for Grace Lawrence at 509 N. Stark. Motion Carried.

Benches for downtown and for the splash pad were discussed. Chris Rose, who was present at the meeting, discussed with the council his willingness to try and get a Dane Hansen Grant to pay for the benches if possible. Council agreed that it would be great if the city could get a grant for them. The city will not buy any benches at this time; council will wait and see what Chris comes up with first. This topic will be continued at a future meeting when more information is known. Chris Rose also discussed the grant for the baseball dugout project and was told by the council to go ahead and do whatever he needed to do to get it completed. Chris informed the council that Brian Levendofsky, who was chosen to do the concrete, was planning on doing it in a couple weeks when the weather was nicer. A parent at the school offered to do the work too. Council decided that they will give Brian Levendofsky until the 27<sup>th</sup> of February which is the second council meeting of the month to get the project done since there is a time limit on completing the project in order to remain within the time limit in the grant. Chris Rose will let Brian Levendofsky know. If Levendofsky cannot get it done, someone else will have to be hired to do it. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Dennis Kelley to give Brian Levendofsky until February 27<sup>th</sup> to get his portion of the ball field project completed and it will be further discussed at the meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion Carried.

The Trenton Street vacation hearing was discussed. Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Laura Bowers to approve the hearing for March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023. Motion Carried. 3 for, none against, Brian Davidson abstained. Hearing notice will be published.

The council room ceiling was discussed. Adrienne Luthi will make a list of items needing updating and repair throughout the building and will report back at the next meeting.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Jeff Scheele to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion Carried.