

Bennington City Council  
Regular Minutes  
04/10/2023

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: Alleys, Tree Stumps, Fire Hydrants, Recycling, Trailer houses, railroad update, office renovation, water meter project and Ball Fields.

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Judith Swagerty, Jeff Scheele, Brian Davidson, Laura Bowers and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Mark Walker, Calvin Burke and Dustin Murk.

Jeff Scheele discussed violations and other compliance issues as well as permits.

Spray park benches were discussed. A grant for replacing benches down town is being worked on but in the meantime, we need some benches at the spray park. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Jeff Scheele to approve purchase of two five foot benches for the spray park. Motion Carried.

North View contracts were discussed. There is one that was completed for Kyle Murphy that has never been built on. The contract is up May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. Brian Davidson will speak to him and report back at the next meeting.

Calvin Burke asked the city council if he could transfer his water and waste water licensing to Bennington from Liberal. The council had no issue with it. Calvin will not be working for the city, but he lives here again and there is no reason for him to be licensed in Liberal.

The recycling center has signed a contract with Quincy Recycling out of Illinois. The recycle center is open for business again. Adrienne Luthi will send out a text caster informing residents that they may continue to take their recycling in.

Office renovation is tabled until the next meeting. Adrienne Luthi will get a list completed for a contractor or multiple contractors to look at and give us a quote on the work needing done.

Ward Stockamp has contacted a couple firms to give us quotes on the cost of a project study on the city's infrastructure and let us know all of the things that need to be done in the city to maintain all our systems.

Dustin Murk discussed the shortage of rock so he can maintain our alleys. Pete Haney only has the limestone type rock that turns to dust and does not last long. Ward Stockamp mentioned that Jim Matney was someone that could be a source to possibly get some rock. Dustin Murk will call and see if there is a possibility there.

Dustin Murk also discussed the stumps located on the vacant Nelson lot. Brian Davidson cut the tree's down, but could not remove the stumps. At the time, Brian did not have the equipment to get them out because the stumps have metal throughout them. Brian has equipment now to dig them out, and is willing to get it done. Brian said it would cost between \$300 and \$500 dollars depending on how long it took because of the metal that is inside both stumps. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Jeff Scheele to allow between \$300 to \$500.00 Maximum to dig out the stumps to get the area cleaned up. Motion Carried.

Dustin Murk purchased the basketball goal and when he got home with it and opened the box, he realized it was supposed to be in several boxes. He returned it but they had no other boxes to complete it. It could be a few weeks before he can get it. Dustin will see if he can purchase it somewhere else.

Ward Stockamp took care of submitting a grant request of \$70,000 to Schooler, his employer, for LED lights at the ball diamonds. Bosco was a company mentioned for lighting when and if we eventually order something.

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion Carried.