

Bennington City Council
Regular Minutes
06/12/2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with a motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were Satellite Park, Nelson Lot, Permits and City contractor's license and Scheibler's.

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

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 Judith Hanson, Mark Walker, Amy Livengood and Jeff Shamburg.

Jeff Scheele handed out a list of violations and discussed them with the council.

The Signing of the Lochner consulting agreement was approved with a motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley. Motion Carried.

Johnson's estimate for a three-year service contract was discussed and approved with a motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson. Motion Carried.

Scott Wright was hired by Ottawa County to be the new municipal judge in Minneapolis. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Jeff Scheele to appoint Scott Wright as the new judge for the City of Bennington and approve his charges of \$50.00 per month. Motion Carried.

The lots that were given to Kelly Dunn in the North View addition were discussed. Kelly Dunn has contacted Mike and Amy Livengood and asked them if they wanted to take over the lots that were given to him by the City of Bennington, as he is running out of time (Sept 1st) to get the houses started on the lots. Mike and Amy asked the council if they do agree to take over the lots from Kelly Dunn, would the council allow them more time to get the houses started since they are right in the middle of getting two of them built on lots that were given to them by the city already. It was the consensus of the council to allow Mike and Amy Livengood a year from September to start on the homes.

Jeff Shamburg asked the council if the streets could be blocked off on the 4th of July for a parade since the Rodeo Fun Day parade had to be cancelled because of rain. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Jeff Scheele to allow the streets to be blocked off at 6:30 on July 4th for the parade. Motion Carried. Jeff Shamburg will get with Dustin and Nate about the blocking of the streets.

Judith Hanson brought some information for a sign she would like the city to consider purchasing to welcome people to town. Adrienne Luthi will look into what options there are and get some quotes from them on what they could work up for the council to look at.

The lot given to the city by Don Wagner on the corner of Princeton and Nelson was discussed. The council would like to put a survey on the website asking the community for ideas for making the area a park or greenspace area. Adrienne Luthi will get Larry Kleeman with Citycode to put a survey on the website.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion Carried.