

Bennington City Council
Regular Minutes
07/24/2023

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

Additions to the agenda were: Dates from Dustin, update on drainage from North end of town, Signature card for Recycling center, trees over city streets.

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

Present at the meeting was Mayor Ward Stockamp, Brian Davidson, Jeff Scheele, Judith Swagerty, Laura Bowers, and Dennis Kelley. Amy Stevens was also present. Visitors were Dustin Murk, Michelle Murk, Mark Walker, Bernie Regnier

Judith Swagerty informed the council she will be the new signer for the recycle center. Karen McClain needs to be removed as a signer. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Jeff Scheele

Motion Laura Bowers, second by Brian Davidson to go into executive session for non-elected personnel at 7:21 p.m. for ten minutes coming out at 7:31 p.m. Motion by Laura Bowers second by Brian Davidson to come out of executive session at 7:31 p.m. No Action Taken.

Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Brian Davidson to offer Shane Haney the full-time City Operations position with benefits starting at \$20.00 per hour. When certification is complete, he will receive a \$1.00 per hour raise for water certification and \$1.00 per hour for wastewater certification. And to offer Trey Huelsman a 20 hour per week part time position for \$16.00 per hour. Motion Carried.

New software programs and quotes were discussed. Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Judith Swagerty to approve the quote from Town Link for \$50,000 up front and no annual fees Motion Carried. Laura Bowers abstained.

The water lines at the ball fields were discussed. USD 240 has asked if the city would be willing to go in half to set up the ballfields with city water. Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to contribute \$2,500.00 to put water lines in at the ball field. The water will be sold to USD 240 at the bulk rate of a minimum of \$6.00 per thousand gallons. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to go into executive session from 8:45 pm to 9:00 p.m. for non-elected personnel. Motion carried. The executive session continued for 10 additional minutes. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Laura Bowers to come out of executive session. No Action Taken.

Lead and Copper testing was discussed. Regarding the two households changing out their copper plumbing, the city council would like Aaron Martin to write up simple contracts for both Bob Ward and Chris Rose to include the quoted totals by each homeowner and the December 15th completion date.

Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the \$5000.00 quote from Bob Ward with a ten percent overage and the quote from Chris Rose for \$7500.00, also with a ten percent overage. Both jobs need to be complete by December 15th. Motion Carried.

Judith Swagerty discussed the removal of Karen McClain from the Recycle center bank account. Judith Swagerty stated that she was asked to be put on the account to replace Karen McClain. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Jeff Scheele to remove Karen McClain from the accounts for the recycling center and add Judith Swagerty to the signer list. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion Carried.