

Bennington City Council
Regular Minutes
08/14//2023

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

Additions to the agenda were MKC, Splash Pad, Alley Rock

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockamp, Brian Davidson, Jeff Scheele, Judith Swagerty, Laura Bowers, and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. Visitors were Shayne Haney, Mike and Amy Livengood, Mark Walker, Pete Haney (arrived at 7:02), Richard Darg (arrived at 8:00, left at 8:08).

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Dennis Kelley to approve the chicken permit for Tara Hertig. Motion Carried.

Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to appoint Shayne Haney as city operations worker and animal control officer. Motion Carried.

The pool manager position was discussed. Alexis and Victor Murillo have resigned. Adrienne Luthi will send out a text caster requesting any person interested contact the city office and fill out an application.

Recycle center FEIN# was discussed. Judith Swagerty will inform the recycling group that they will be getting their own number. The city is still willing to help the recycle center with purchases if needed in the future.

A public restroom was discussed. Council will read over information provided and will continue discussion at the next meeting.

Cameras for the park/splash pad/arena area were discussed. Shayne will trench the area and Ward Stockamp will call David Galvan about hooking them up.

The Nelson lot park project was discussed. Most citizens would like to see a quiet park type setting that would have flower gardens and a gazebo for picnics, as well as places to sit and relax. Brian Davidson has found a grain bin to make into a Gazebo. Laura Bowers has some gardeners interested in designing a garden area that would not require maintenance. The project will be ongoing and will be discussed at future meetings as more plans are made.

A drilling machine was discussed that is used to tap water mains. The council looked at different options and there was a motion made by Dennis Kelley, second by Jeff Scheele to purchase the Wheeler Rex Drilling machine for \$858.99. Motion Carried. Adrienne Luthi will order and pay for it.

Shayne Haney asked the council about purchasing 6 loads of rock for the alleys. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Judith Swagerty to approve purchase of 150 tons of Oklahoma rock from Bill Berry Trucking for \$51.00 per ton. Total cost of \$7650.00. Motion Carried.

Plumbing replacement agreements for Chris Rose and Bob Ward were discussed. Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson to approve the agreements for both Chris Rose and Bob Ward to replace the plumbing in both homes following the terms of the agreements set forth. Motion Carried.

Tree trimming throughout the city was discussed. The consensus from citizens was that this is not the City's responsibility and that we should enforce our codes and make citizens take care of their trees.

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion Carried.