

Bennington City Council  
Hearing for floodplain  
Regular Meeting  
11/13/2023

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

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Laura Bowers to approve ordinance #411. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the floodplain hearing at 7:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to bring the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

Additions to the agenda were: water tower, earthquake, recycling, Wilson's, trash dumping, Kubota tires, Juneteenth, lead and water line survey, water tower inspection, parking along side of red church.

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Ward Stockcamp, Brian Davidson, Jeff Scheele, Judith Swagerty, Laura Bowers, and Dennis Kelley. Adrienne Luthi was also present. The visitors were Mark Walker and Shayne Haney.

Snow plowing and City Operations help were both discussed. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Brian Davidson to hire Pete Haney to remove snow from the City of Bennington at an hourly rate of \$25.00 per hour and to pay Pete Haney \$15.00 per hour for general operations help and to give Taygen Watson a raise from \$12.50 per hour to \$15,00 per hour for City operations help. Motion Carried.

The Zoning board meeting regarding the Wagner property on Nelson Street was tabled until the next meeting.

The broken door glass on the Bobcat was discussed. The council told Shayne Haney to order the window and Brian Davidson volunteered to help Shayne Haney put it in at no charge.

Framing the maps that were previously hanging on the conference room walls with tape were discussed. Amy Stevens got a quote from Hobby Lobby for \$908.31. Motion by Brian Davidson, second by Jeff Scheele to get the Maps framed at Hobby Lobby not exceeding \$908.31. Motion Carried.

The water and sewer rate review completed by KRWA was discussed. Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Judith Swagerty to change the water rates to \$21.47 for the first 1000 gallons, and \$6.38 for each additional 1000 gallons including all residents and businesses regardless of the meter size and the sewer rates across the board to \$24.03 as suggested by the KRWA study. The new water and sewer rates will start with the Dec 20<sup>th</sup> meter reading. Motion Carried.

Creating a winter display for our residents on the city lot on Nelson was discussed. Motion by Jeff Scheele, second by Brian Davidson to approve purchase of all decorations needed to create the winter wonderland for the city, not to exceed \$1500.00 Motion Carried.

Dennis Kelley discussed the need for help at the recycling center. Adrienne Luthi will send out a text caster message and put something in the newsletter asking for volunteers.

Tires for the Kubota were discussed. Motion by Laura Bowers, second by Jeff Scheele to approve the quote from Bennington Bike Shop for \$565.50 for two new 10 ply tires for the Kubota. Motion Carried.

Juneteenth Holiday was discussed. Juneteenth is a new federal holiday. The council decided that based on Shayne and Adrienne's preference, they would add Christmas Eve in place of Juneteenth to the full - time employee paid holiday list. Motion by Judith Swagerty, second by Dennis Kelley to make Christmas Eve a paid holiday. Motion Carried. Adrienne will update the handbook.

Motion by Dennis Kelley, second by Brian Davidson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion Carried.