

**City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes April 10, 2023
Regular Meeting**

The Bennet City Council (the "Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska (the "City") held a regular business meeting on Monday April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at the Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe Street in the City, the same being open to the public and preceded by advance publicized notice duly given in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 84, Article 14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, and having set forth (a) the time, date and place of the meeting; (b) that the meeting would be open to the attendance of the public; and (c) that the agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk and posted at the City Office, Post Office and First Nebraska Bank.

Mayor Ryan Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. City Clerk Michele Lincoln conducted roll call. Council Members in attendance were Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, Steve Bettendorf, and Mayor Ryan Cheney. Justin Dorn was absent. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were taken while the meeting remained open to attendance by the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. MINUTES of March 13, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting Approval
- b. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
- c. TREASURER'S REPORT
- d. RESOLUTION 2023-4.1, a resolution appointing an alternate Planning Commission member.
- e. RESOLUTION 2023-4.2, a resolution dissolving the Farmers' Market Advisory Committee and authorizing the transfer of funds and other existing assets.
- f. RESOLUTION 2023-4.3, a resolution approving the revised Block Party Application from Bennet Fire & Rescue for June 3, 2023, to block off Fir Street between Quincy Street and Van Buren Street and Quincy Street from Fir Street to Elm Street for a fundraiser.

Zieg moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion that all items under the consent agenda be approved and accepted as presented. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, voted YES. Motion carried.

The Celebrate Bennet 4th of July Committee informed the Board of Trustees in September of 2022 that 2023 would be their last year to organize the 4th of July activities. The City Council is continuing the effort to find a way to maintain the annual event but had nothing to add at this point.

The Mayor and Council discussed the requests to support the 4th of July Celebration. The Celebrate Bennet Committee requested that the City pay \$225.00 for the barricade rental and \$1,499 for the entertainment by Nowear BMX. With this being the last year the Celebrate Bennet Committee will be organizing the event they discussed that future events will likely be scaled down to a one day event with fewer activities. Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to pay for the barricade rental for the 4th of July Celebration. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, voted YES. Motion carried. There was no motion regarding paying for the Nowear BMX entertainment.

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Andrew J Moyer and Hunter Pope represented the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy from Palmyra High School in presenting a community service project idea of constructing a 4700 sq ft basketball court in the southwest corner of Bennet Park. Although the Council was in favor of the idea, they felt there needed to be a closer look at the location with consideration of the new preschool play equipment that the Bennet Builders are fundraising for. The Park Committee will meet with Moyer and Pope to review the purposed project and the allowable space within Bennet Park.

Submitted reports include Utility Superintendent, Sheriff's Office, and Engineer. City Clerk Michele Lincoln reported that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will allow one Bennet representative to be a voting member on the Technical Committee, but this will take an amendment to the MPO Management Plan which won't be done until September 12th. Utility Superintendent Russ Jones reported that he had received a two-week resignation notice from Garbage Transfer Site Attendant Mark Tiedemann. Attendant Terry Newman was willing to cover the Tuesday and Thursday shifts. City Engineer Brian Schuele questioned whether there would be interested in going in on a tar machine for street sealing with a couple other communities. He said he would ask around. He also reported that there are many requirements in order to apply for the Safe Street Grant program. He will put a list of those requirements together.

Zieg moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf voted YES. Motion carried.



City Clerk Michele Lincoln
City of Bennet, NE



Mayor, Ryan Cheney
City of Bennet, NE