

City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes for March 10, 2025
Regular Meeting

The City Council ("Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska ("City"), convened for a regular business meeting on March 10, 2025, at 7:00PM at Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe St, Bennet, NE 68317, the same being open to the public and preceded by advanced publicized notice duly given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, having set forth (a) the time, date, and place of the meeting, (b) that the meeting would be open to 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 Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. Members in attendance: Josh Buck, Jesse Schmidt, Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, Ryan Cheney. City Engineer Brian Schuele, City Clerk Sue Biltoft, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Olesen and City Attorney David Solheim were also in attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting commenced.

The council reviewed items on the consent agenda, which included: (a) minutes for meeting of the Council on February 10, 2025; (b) claims for payment; (c) Treasurer's report; (d) Resolution 2025-3.1 approving a Block Party for the Bennet Fire & Rescue fundraiser, June 28-29, 2025. Zieg moved approval, and Simmons seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney announced public comment.

Mayor Cheney re-introduced the purchase of streetlights with wooden poles from Nebraska City Utility for the Evergreen Development. Zieg moved approval, and Simmons seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Mayor and City Council discussed changes in the Master Fee Schedule to list new meter pit pricing and updating the fee schedule. Simmons moved approval, and Zieg seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Jesse Schmidt presented additional information regarding ways of moving money from accounts to allow for increasing interest earned for the city. Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve the mayor to move \$1,000,000 from the First Nebraska Bank regular checking account to the Union Bank Money Market account, and to surrender the two CD's for water and sewer sinking funds and invest the funds into 6 month CD's.

Mayor Cheney re-introduced Ordinance 2025-2.1, amending the curb cut width to 25 feet for the second reading. Buck moved approval, and Zieg seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Mayor and City Council discussed a possible date for the annual clean-up day in Bennet. May 3rd is the date selected to avoid conflicts with school events in the hope that more volunteers are available. Zieg moved approval, Schmidt seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The council reviewed the operating costs for the dump as of the end of February. There is a significant loss of customers for the calendar year of 2025 which is resulting in less revenue.

The Mayor and City Council reviewed written reports submitted by City staff.

Mayor Cheney opened the floor to public comment.

There being no further business, Zieg moved to adjourn, and Simmons seconded. Roll call. YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.


Sue Biltsoft, City Clerk


Mayor Ryan Cheney