

City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes June 9, 2025
Regular Meeting

The City Council ("Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska ("City"), convened for a regular business meeting on June 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM, at the Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe, Bennet, NE 68317, the same being open to the public and preceded by advance 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.

Council President Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. City Clerk Sue Biloft conducted roll call. Council Members in attendance were Josh Buck; Jesse Schmidt; Pete Simmons; Dan Zieg. Mayor Cheney was absent. Others present: City Clerk Sue Biloft, Utility Superintendent Zach Fergus, Deputy City Clerk Michelle Olesen, City Engineer Brian Schuele and City Attorney David Solheim.

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.

The Council reviewed the items on the consent agenda: (a) minutes from the May 29th Special meeting of the Council; (b) claims for payment; (c) Treasurer's Report; (d) Resolution 2025-6.1 Temporary Use of Highway 43; (e) Resolution 2025-6.2 Big Ten Tavern Block Party. Simmons moved approval and Buck seconded. Roll call: YES: Simmons, Schmidt, Zieg, Buck. Motion carried.

Council President Simmons announced public comment.

Council President Simmons re-introduced Resolution 2025-5.3 Revising Employee Monthly Insurance Stipend with the added statement of providing proof of insurance on a quarterly basis. Zieg moved approval, and Simmons seconded. Roll call: YES: Zieg, Simmons, Buck. NAY: Schmidt.

Jess Schmidt introduced options for the two CDs that were due for re-investment with Union Bank at the end of May. He recommended re-investing the CDs in a 7-month term since this offered the best interest rate. Zieg moved approval of the 7-month term, and Buck seconded. Roll call: YES: Schmidt, Zieg, Simmons, Buck. Motion carried.

Michael Hoback, AMGL, P.C. presented the audit report for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Council President Simmons presented the request from a resident to place a No Parking sign on Vince Drive near the clustered mailboxes. After review of the situation, it was decided that the maintenance staff will paint the curb before and after the mailboxes with red paint and include white text of NO PARKING.

The Council reviewed the written reports submitted by City Staff and Engineer.

Council President Simmons opened the floor to public comments.

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There being no further business, Zieg moved, and Simmons seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm.
Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

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Mayor, Ryan Cheney
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