

**City of Bennet, Nebraska**  
**City Council**  
**Minutes April 14, 2025**  
**Regular Meeting**

The Bennet City Council (the "Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska (the "City") held a Regular business meeting on April 14, 2025 at 7:00 PM, at the Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe, Bennet, NE 68317 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, 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 Pete Simmons 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. City Clerk Sue Biltoft, City Attorney David Solheim and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Olesen were also in attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting duly commenced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Zieg requested item 3 (f) concerning the lawn water restrictions be moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business. There being no objection, the item was moved to New Business.

Consent Agenda:

3 (a) minutes for meeting of the Council on March 10, 2025

3 (b) claims for payment

3 (c) Treasurer's report

3 (d) Resolution 2025-4.1 Master Fee Schedule;

3(e) Resolution 2025-4.2 Appointing Russ Jones to the Planning Commission;

3(g) Resolution 2025-4-4 Bennet Economic Development Association Block Party Application.

Zieg moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons. ABSTAIN (With Conflict): Zieg. Motion carried.

Buck moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve the final reading of Ordinance 2025-2.1 Amending the Curb Cut Width with revisions. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Zieg, Simmons, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Kirk Andersen was not at the meeting to present his request for a speed bump on Garden Street. Zieg moved and Buck seconded a motion to move to Old Business for Brian Schuele to review the request. Roll call vote: YES: Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg, Buck. Motion carried.

Clint Pebley, representing Bennet Builders, had a slide show presentation concerning the park playground equipment they are wishing to purchase for use by pre-school children.

Zieg made a motion to move to Old Business and Buck seconded the request for Olsson Engineering to re-start the SS4A planning process. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Zieg, Simmons, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Buck seconded a motion to move to Old Business the Quincy Street right-of-way request. Roll call vote: YES: Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. ABSTAIN (With Conflict): Buck. Motion carried.

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The council requested the City Attorney to prepare a resolution for the surplus property of the GMC Sierra for the next meeting. Zieg moved to authorize the purchase of a replacement truck not to exceed \$25,000, with approval by the mayor, Buck seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Bennet Economic Development Association's presented a proposal for BEDA Bennet Beautification small project at the city building with painting of the poles on the drive through and providing plants in containers. Zieg moved and Schmidt seconded to approve the proposal to beautify the city. Roll call vote: YES: Simmons, Zieg, Buck, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Buck seconded a motion for Jesse Schmidt to negotiate with ALLO for better rates on installation of the IT switch and to provide IT services to the City. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Zieg, Simmons. ABSTAIN: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Simmons moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to recommend approval of the Planning Commission's recommendation for the Amended Plat, Cochrane Corner. Roll call vote: YES: Zieg, Simmons, Schmidt. ABSTAIN (With Conflict): Buck. Motion carried.

Buck moved and Schmidt seconded to move the Resolution 2025-4-3 Lawn Water Restrictions to Old Business. Roll call vote: YES: Schmidt, Buck, Simmons ABSTAIN (With Conflict): Zieg. Motion carried.

The City Council reviewed the written reports submitted by City staff.

Council President Simmons opened the floor to public comment.

There being no further business, Simmons moved and Buck seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:20PM. Roll call: YES: Buck, Simmons, Schmidt, Zieg. Motion carried.

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City Clerk Sue Biltoft  
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Council President Pete Simmons  
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