

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

The City Council ("Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska ("City"), convened for a regular business meeting on February 10, 2025, at 7:00PM at Bennet Elementary, 50 Dogwood 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, City Utilities Superintendent Zach Fergus, 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 the City Council meeting on January 7, 2025; (b) claims for payment; (c) Treasurer's report; (d) Van Kirk Bros Payment App #4 in the amount of \$36,620.20; and (e) Resolution 2025-2.1 to hire Deputy City Clerk-Treasurer. Zieg moved approval, and Schmidt seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney announced public comment.

City Utilities Superintendent Fergus presented options for street lights for Evergreen Place. The Mayor and City Council tabled the item until the next meeting.

Mayor Cheney introduced Ordinance No. 2025-2.1 to increase the maximum curb cut width from 20' to 25.' Simmons moved approval on First Reading, and Schmidt seconded. Roll call: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Councilmember Schmidt presented depository options for higher interest rates on City funds. He will discuss it with the City auditor. The Mayor and Council tabled the item until the next meeting.

The Mayor and City Council discussed the Master Fee Schedule, including the fees for water/sewer connections and meter pits. They referred it to committee for further review.


The Mayor and City Council discussed the manhole covers in Evergreen Place Addition, Cottonwood Court, with input from City Engineer Schuele. He will review the grading plan. The item is tabled until the next meeting.

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

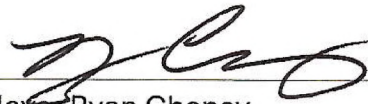
The Mayor and City Council discussed attending the upcoming League of Nebraska Municipalities Mid-Winter Conference.

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.



City Attorney David Solheim
Sitting in for the City Clerk



Mayor Ryan Cheney