

City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes October 13, 2025
Regular Meeting

The Bennet City Council (the "Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska (the "City") held a regular meeting on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at City Office, 685 Monroe Street, Bennet, NE 68317, 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 an agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the offices of the City Clerk and posted at the City Office, Post Office and First Nebraska Bank.

Mayor Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. Council Members in attendance: Josh Buck, Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, and Mayor Ryan Cheney. City Clerk Sue Biltoft, City Utilities Superintendent Zach Fergus, City Attorneys David Solheim and Matt Blaser, and City Engineer Brian Schuele were also in attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting duly commenced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Council reviewed items on the consent agenda, which included: (a) Minutes of September 23, 2025 City Council Special Meeting Approval; (b) claims for payment; (c) Treasurer's report; (d) Resolution 2025-10.1; a resolution re-appointing Planning Commission members; (e) Approve Van Kirk payment #5; (f) Larry Kramer's request for banner across Monroe Street advertising Christmas in the Park. Zieg moved and Buck seconded a motion that all items under the consent agenda be approved and accepted as presented. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney announced public comment.

Mayor Cheney introduced Ordinance 2025-8.1, to Amend City Code 52.02 to adjust water usage rates (Second Reading). Simmons moved and Schmidt seconded approval of Second Reading. Roll call vote: YES: Schmidt, Simmons Zieg, Buck. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney introduced Ordinance 2025-9.1 to Amend City Code 32.02 Relating to Membership of the Board of Adjustment (Second Reading). Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to waive the three-reading rule on 2025-9.1. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Buck, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-9.1. Roll call vote: YES: Zieg, Buck, Schmidt, Simmons. Motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Zach Fergus presented information on three sewer cameras he had received quotes for, pros and cons of each and the one he preferred. Zieg moved and Buck

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seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the Iris HD sewer camera. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the USPS Lease renewal received and reviewed by Solheim and Blaser. Blaser led the discussion and answered questions regarding several terms of the lease.

The two sealed bids received for the solid waste services RFP were opened and reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the different terms and conditions.

The mayor and city council reviewed written reports submitted by City Staff and other communications.

Mayor Cheney opened the floor for public comment. Larry Kramer provided a more detailed explanation regarding the banner to be placed over Monroe Street.

Zieg moved and Buck seconded a motion to go into closed session at 8:29 p.m to discuss potential litigation.

The council came out of closed session at 9:07 p.m.

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

City Clerk, Sue Biltoft

Mayor, Ryan Cheney