

**City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes July 8, 2024
Regular Meeting**

The Bennet City Council (the "Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska (the "City") held a regular business meeting on July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM, at Lancaster Rural Water District #1, 310 Fir Street 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, 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 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 Ryan Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. City Clerk Michele Lincoln conducted roll call. Council Members in attendance were Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, Steve Bettendorf, Justin Dorn, and Mayor Ryan Cheney. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were taken while the meeting remained open to attendance by the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) MINUTES of June 10, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting Approval
- b) CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
- c) TREASURER'S REPORT
- d) RESOLUTION 2024-7.1, a resolution consenting to use of City right-of-way by Windstream Nebraska, Inc. for the installation of communications cable.
- e) RESOLUTION 2024-7.2, a resolution a resolution approving the application of Tailored Life, Antique Anthology, and Love M to hold a Block Party on Fir Street between Monroe Street and Madison Street and Madison Street between Fir and Garden Street on September 8, 2024, for the Fallidays event.

Zieg moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion that all items under the consent agenda be approved and accepted as presented. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Engineer Brian Schuele presented a plan for line striping for parking in the downtown area on Madison Street between Fir Street and Garden Street and Garden Street between Madison Street and Monroe Street. Fir Street was not included because there is not a consistent curb line. He offered to get a quote for the project.

Mayor Cheney introduced Ordinance 2024-5.2, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENNET, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO AMEND § 52.02 OF THE CODE OF BENNET TO IMPOSE AN EXCESS RATE ON WATER USAGE OVER 20,000 GALLONS PER MONTH; TO PROVIDE A GOOD CAUSE WAIVER PROVISION; TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME SOD WAIVER PROVISION; TO PROVIDE A CREDIT FOR USERS WHO INSTALL NEW OR REPLACEMENT RAIN SENSORS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Dorn moved and Zieg seconded a motion to

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approve Ordinance 2024-5.2 third reading. Roll call vote: Bettendorf voted YES. Simmons, Dorn, Zieg voted No. Motion Failed.

The Utility Committee did not have a chance to analyze the water rates to make a recommendation for a rate increase as a result of Lancaster County Rural Water District #1's increase. They will meet in the next couple of weeks and make their recommendation to the City Council at the next meeting.

The Utility Committee did not have a chance to review the suggested development fees for new subdivisions. This will be tabled until next month.

Dorn moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7.3, a resolution hiring Zachary Furgas as Maintenance Person. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7.4, a resolution to increase the wage for Utility Superintendent Mike Kucera. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Dorn moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2024-7.5, a resolution increasing the health insurance stipend for full-time City employees from \$325 to \$500 a month. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

The approval of Municipal Water Easement Agreement with Roland Meyers for a water easement located on the south 30' of Lot 90, Section 3, Township 8N, Range 8E of the 60th PM, Lancaster County was not ready for approval yet.

The RFP (Request for Proposal) for the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System) system was submitted. This is for water and wastewater system control upgrades to replace outdated hardware. Engineer Brian Schuele pointed out the RFP included a price for additional software outside the base bid which would allow for real-time reports and remote login.

Zieg moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion to award the Cottonwood (Van Buren to Harrison) Street Repairs to Pavers for \$23,011.65. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Steve Bettendorf seconded a motion to award the Van Buren (Cottonwood to Dogwood) Street Repairs to Pavers for \$23,498.70. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Steve Bettendorf seconded a motion to award the Van Buren (Dogwood to Elm) Street Repairs to Pavers for \$28,634.60. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

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Bettendorf moved and Zieg seconded a motion to award the City Park (Van Buren and Fir) Street Repairs to Pavers for \$16,818.15. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Steve Bettendorf seconded a motion to award the Concrete Street Repairs to Pavers for \$12,893.00. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.

Submitted reports included Utility Superintendent, Sheriff's Office, and Engineer Report. Utility Superintendent Mike Kucera reported he had gotten some bids for tree trimming. It was reported that there was no stop sign at Garden Street and Jackson Street. A resolution will be drafted for the next meeting directing the placement of the stop sign.

Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Roll call vote: Simmons, Zieg, Bettendorf, Dorn voted YES. Motion carried.



City Clerk Michele Lincoln
City of Bennet, NE



Mayor, Ryan Cheney
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