

**City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes July 13, 2026**

The City Council ("Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska ("City"), convened for a regular business meeting on July 13, 2026 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 on July 10th, 2026.

Mayor Ryan Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. City Clerk Sue Biltoft conducted roll call. Council Members in attendance: Josh Buck, Jesse Schmidt, Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg. Also in attendance were City Attorney David Solheim, Deputy City Attorney Matt Blaser and Utility Superintendent Zach Fergus. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 3.a. Minutes of June 8, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Approval
- 3.b. Amended minutes of May 11, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting Approval
- 3.c. Discuss/Approve Agreement with Mike Palm for iWorq Assistance
- 3.d. Discuss/Approve RESOLUTION 2026-7.1 Renewal of LARM
- 3.e. Approval of Conversion Quote for ClerkBooks Municipal Accounting program on CIP List
- 3.f. Claims for Payment
- 3.g. Treasurers Report

Item 3.d. was moved to New Business. Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve Consent Agenda with remaining items as presented. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney introduced the Building Permit application for storage units at 510 Monroe for discussion and approval with some explanations regarding the drawings rendered. Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion for approval of building plans subject to engineering stamped plans. Roll call vote: YES: Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg, Buck. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney re-introduced Item 3.d. RESOLUTION 2026-7.1 Renewal for LARM. After discussion, the item was tabled until City Clerk Biltoft can get some clarifications from the agent.

Mayor Cheney introduced for discussion the Bennet Square Sign painted on the building at 605 Monroe Street. Discussion was held as to the ordinance explanations regarding signs and permits and no changes need to be made at this time.

Next item for discussion/approval was the request from a representative for Penterman Farms, LLC to donate the remanent parcel of Bush Pines Outlot D. After discussion, the decision was to have Attorney Solheim send a letter for acceptance of the property abutting Whispering Pines Park only.

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Mayor Cheney introduced the Nuisance Abatement 610 Cottonwood Street approved by the Health Board. After discussion and pictures presented of current progress, the Abatement was not advanced.

Mayor Cheney introduced the Nuisance Abatement 675 Fir Street approved by the Health Board. The notices have been sent to the landowner and are currently awaiting responses from the owner.

Mayor Cheney introduced for discussion the idea of creating an E-Bike Ordinance in cooperation with other communities in Lancaster County. The concept is that if communities passed the same Ordinance, law enforcement would be easier for the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office. This ordinance would involve regulations for electric bicycles, electric scooters and electric motorcycles, age groups and helmet requirements. City Attorney Solheim and his office will review the ordinance presented and make suggestions and recommendations to other city attorneys.

Mayor Cheney introduced the discussion of possible registration of Golf Cars, UTV's and ATV's. City Attorney Solheim's office will pull ordinances from other communities for future discussions.

Mayor Cheney introduced the street repairs on Madison, Dogwood, Jackson, Van Buren and the miscellaneous street and drainage improvements. Zieg moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to approve all repairs and improvements. Roll call vote: YES: Simmons, Zieg, Buck, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Deputy City Attorney Blaser offered to review the Zoning Ordinance regulations for any corrections or changes. The council requested he start with the signage and setbacks codes.

Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to go into closed session at 8:34 PM upon the advice of the city attorney. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to return to open session at 8:53 PM. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:54 PM. Roll call vote: YES: Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg, Buck. Motion carried.

City Clerk Sue Biltoft
City of Bennet, NE

Mayor, Ryan Cheney
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