

City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes for October 14, 2024
Regular Meeting

The City Council ("Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska ("City"), convened for a regular business meeting on October 14, 2024, at 7:00PM at the Office of the Lancaster County Rural Water District #1, 310 Fir 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: Steve Bettendorf, Justin Dorn, Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, Ryan Cheney. City Engineer Brian Schuele, City Clerk Sue Biltoft, and City Attorney David Solheim were also in attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Zieg requested items 3.f and 3.h concerning the block party applications for Halloween Trunk or Treat block party and Christmas on the Square be moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business. There being no objection, the items were moved to New Business.

Consent Agenda:

- 3.a. MINUTES of September 9, 2024, City Council Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Approval
- 3.b. Approval of pay to Johnson Services for \$15,051.00.
- 3.c. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
- 3.d. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 3.e. **RESOLUTION 2024-10.1**, approving the Master Fee Schedule, including increased water rates
- 3.g. **RESOLUTION 2024-10.4**, reappointing 2 members of the Planning Commission

Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Approval of Agreement Regarding Annexation between Rural Water District No. 1 and City of Bennet was tabled until November meeting per the City Attorney's recommendation.

Resolution 2024-9.2 approving Water Purchase Agreement with Lancaster Rural Water District No. 1 for bulk water was tabled until the November meeting per the City Attorney's recommendation.

Rob Predmore requested a curb cut in excess of 20 feet at 165 Switchgrass and 9 other lots. Resolution to approve the same anticipated at November meeting per the City Attorney's recommendation.

The Council discussed repairs and maintenance to the ball field fence and backstop.

Mayor Cheney introduced Resolution 2024-10.3 appoint Sue Biltoft as City Clerk/Treasurer. Dorn moved approval and Zieg seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

City Engineer Brian Schuele discussed an Agreement with Southeast Nebraska Development District to assist the City of Benne tin the administrative requirements for the Bennet Safe Streets for All Transportation Safety Action Plan project for \$5,000. Zieg moved approval and Bettendorf seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Council discussed formation of a committee to create and review requests for proposals (RFPs) for the Safe Streets for All project. Zieg, Simmons, and Cheney will serve as initial committee members.

Pursuant to the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP), the council reviewed proposed purchase agreements for a pickup, trailer, snowplow and decked storage, and fuel tank. Dorn moved approval and Zieg seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

City Engineer Brian Scheule discussed a Change Order for Van Kirk to install an inserta-valve on the Tyler Street project. Simmons moved approval and Bettendorf seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Council discussed a block party application for Halloween Trunk or Treat. Zieg moved approval and Bettendorf seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Council discussed a block party application for Christmas on the Square. Zieg moved approval and Bettendorf seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed written reports submitted by City staff.

Mayor Cheney opened the floor to public comment.

There being no further business, Bettenorf moved to adjourn and Zieg seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

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City Attorney David Solheim
Sitting in for the City Clerk

Mayor Ryan Cheney