

Bennet Planning Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021

The Bennet Planning Commission held a special meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bennet Legion Hall, 970 Monroe Street in the Village. The session was open to the public and proceeded 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.

Chairman Josh Buck called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and announced the Open Meetings Act was posted. Roll call: Josh Buck, Audrey Roesler, Dina Rathje and alternate Greg Pohl present. Ryan Moore arrived at 6:17 p.m. Marilyn Maney Absent

Pohl moved and Buck seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2020 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Buck, Roesler, Pohl, Rathje voted Yes. Motion Carried.

The Planning Commission was joined by the Transition Team and some area business owners to discuss creating a Strategic Plan for Economic Development and Downtown Revitalization with Tom Bliss from SENDD. Tom commended Bennet for being proactive in wanting to have a plan in place prior to development.

A Strategic Economic Development Plan is a roadmap for policy makers, stakeholders, and Bennet residents and should be a three-to-five-year plan that complements the Bennet Comprehensive Plan. We can start with creating a team of stakeholders that would include business owners, residents, school faculty and community leaders to determine a framework for the plan. The framework establishes what our values, vision, mission, strategies and objectives are.

Surveying residents will ensure we are in line with what the community would like to see as we establish the framework and plan for implementation. Tom distributed a couple of sample surveys to help us in establishing one specific for Bennet. He also recommended meeting with our top employers to find what challenges they face and what kind of resources could help.

Sighting no further business, Buck adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Michele Lincoln, CMC
Village Clerk

