

PROCEEDINGS OF BENNETT CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY DECEMBER, 2024 at BENNETT AMBULANCE BUILDING

Mayor Sparks called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Council members present on roll call read by Mayor Sparks: Boedeker, Kreinbring, Hulick, Schneekloth & Eicher, all present.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent items/agenda approved: M/S, Boedeker, Schneekloth, All Ayes. November minutes, financials & bills.

Library: 4 programs for kids & 1 adult book chat.

Administration: Work on getting notifications out to citizens better, GL fund balance has been looking good & no need for a 10% decrease in departments at this time. Our software bill did have an increase that we were not expecting, will cut budget elsewhere to make up that difference.

Fire: 3 mutual calls, 2 fire calls & ham cook went very well.

Sheriff: Currently sitting at 2 deputies down. Have had 2 applicants for the EMA director position.

New Business:

1. Discussion on hiring of new library director. Board president is asking the Council to offer vacation pay for the position, Council will table that for a later discussion. Library director position will be \$16.28/hr at 20hrs a week.
2. FY26 wages, proposed 2.5% increase for employees. M/S, Eicher, Schneekloth. All 5 ayes.
3. 4 lawn mower bids were received. M/S, Kreinbring, Hulick. All 5 ayes.
4. Discussion on offering insurance stipend to part time employees. M/S, Schneekloth, Eicher to offer 50% paid of employee out of pocket expense. All 5 ayes. This will begin July 1, 2025

Old Business:

1. More discussion on 236 Main St. Will table until January to talk more with Liberty Bank president of details moving forward.
2. Council decided not to move forward with Text My Gov at this time.

7:36 PM M/S, Hulick, Eicher to adjourn meeting. All 5 Ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Bennett Ambulance Building.

Joe Sparks – Bennett Mayor

Lisa Syring – City Clerk

AG VANTAGE		770.28
ALLIANT ENERGY		3159.21
BANLEACO	PRINTER LEASE	91.42
CAPITAL ONE		432.2
CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT	GARNISHMENT	107
DAVE BERGTHOLD	HALLOWEEN CANDY	42.78
DULTMEIER SALES	12V PUMP	2,524.00
EAC SUBMISSIONS	APRIL-SEPT SUBMISSIONS	7.8
F & B. COMMUNICATIONS		382.9
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE	115
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSN	MEMBERSHIP DUES	305
JJJ ENTERPRISES INC	HAULING 2 LOADS OF ROCK	202
JODY ELLIS	PAPER TOWELS & TP	54.55
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	FLEX PASTE & PUTTY KNIFE	47.92
LIBERTY INSURANCE	REMOVE OLD TRK & ADD NEW TRUCK	589
MENARD'S MUSCATINE	FUEL PREMIX & CONTRACTOR BAGS	32.9
MENARD'S MUSCATINE	EPOXY PUTTY	22.52
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING		3,507.00
RON ALPEN FORD, INC	INSPECTION & OIL CHANGE	82.77
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		576.32
SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT GROUP	PRINTER LEASE	26.26
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	COLIFORM/ECLOI	43.5
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	OCTOBER MINUTES & FINANCIAL	84.81
VISA		1115.33
WENDLING QUARRIES, INC		381.8
WEX BANK	CITY SHOP	261.25
Accounts Payable Total		14,485.91
Payroll Checks		5,832.08
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		20,317.99