

PROCEEDINGS OF BENNETT CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024 at BENNETT AMBULANCE BUILDING

Mayor Sparks called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent items/agenda approved: M/S, Schneekloth, Boedeker. All Ayes.

Open public hearing: Ordinance 2-8-3 (a). No comments or questions from public

Close public hearing & open regular hearing

Library: 89 ebooks, 150 checked out, 1 adult program & 4 kid's programs.

Superintendent: Still looking at a water tower maintenance contract. Will be compiling a list on roads & how soon they need to be resurfaced. Have received a contract bid from LL Pelling.

Admin: All department budget meetings have been held. Will begin completing W2's for employees & closing out 2023 books. All quarter 4 reports for 2023 are also completed.

Fire: 1 call & 1 training

Sheriff: 6 calls

New Business:

1. 1st reading of Ordinance 2-8-3 (a)
2. 2nd & final reading of Ordinance 2-8-3 (a). M/S, Schneekloth , Kreinbring. Roll call with all Ayes (4).
3. Emily Linebaugh with Veenstra & Kimm called in to discuss moving forward with report due to DNR May 2024. This report will decide if Bennett will be considered a Disadvantaged Committee again or if we will need to move forward with a sewer lagoon project. M/S, Kreinbring, Schneekloth, all Ayes to move forward with Agreement of Professional Services with V&K.
4. Discussion on utility franchise fee and how these funds can be used moving forward.
5. M/S, Schneekloth, Boedeker to approve contract with Mississippi Valley Pump for the waste water pump.
6. 2024 committee members have been formed & approved.
7. Mayor Sparks elected Rodney Deerberg as the new Bennett Fire Chief. The Bennett Council would like to welcome Rodney and also thank Kevin Rasdon for his 2 years as prior Fire Chief.
8. Chief Deerberg was also elected to the Cedar County 911 board.
9. City of Bennett has a \$600 credit coming back to our city attorney for fees on the Cedar Poly building. Council has decided to keep that credit with City Attorney for future invoices.
10. Discussion & approval for the purchase of a new city truck (FY25) with the maximum of \$85,000. \$50,000 will come from a money market account ear marked for this purchase & the remaining will be used from LOST funds.

Old Business:

1. We have received 2 bids to demolish the Cedar Poly building, still waiting on 1 more. The city will be applying for a DNR grant to help offset some of these expenses.
2. Discussion & approval to send off a CO2 objection letter on behalf of Bennett.

M/S, Boedeker, Schneekloth to close regular meeting. All Ayes. 8"30

Next regular meeting will be on Monday February 5th at 6:00 PM at Bennett Ambulance Building.

Joe Sparks – Bennett Mayor

Lisa Syring – City Clerk

AG VANTAGE	CITY SHOP	344.63
ALLIANT ENERGY		1930.62
AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSN	MEMBERSHIP DUES	90
CAPITAL ONE		103.18
CEDAR COUNTY AUDITOR	2023 NOV ELECTION	601.21
CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT		107
ECIA	2ND HALF FEES	128.39
EFTPS PAYMENTS		2,053.26
F & B. COMMUNICATIONS		360.9
GREG REYNOLDS	GLUCOSE GEL	20.64
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	C0688R	1,610.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	C0454R LOAN	1,776.25
IPERS		1173.11
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	ICE SCRAPER/ICE SALT/STAPLES	188.76
KELVIN LANGE		683.74
LIBERTY INSURANCE	NEW RADIO/PAGERS	1210
LIFEMED SAFETY, INC	DEFIB MAINT	1,514.00
LISA SYRING	SEPT-DEC CELL PHONE	140
LONNA MOELLER	POP/TEA/WATER	28.7
LOWDEN PLUMBING & HEATING	GAS LINE & EXHAUST ON NEW GENE	2,455.29
MEDIC EMS	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	170.25
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING		3,340.00
PAIGE SPRAY	NEW CELL PHONE REIMBURSE	420
RON ALPEN FORD, INC	OIL & FILTER	61.25
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	UB SALES TAX	230.73
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SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT GROUP	PRINTER CONTRACT/COUNT	21.18
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	COLIFORM/ECOLI	14.5
SUMMIT FIRE PROTECTION	FIRE EXT ANNUAL INSPECTION	280
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	NOVEMBER MINUTES & FINANCIALS	60.24
TREASURER, STATE OF IA-PR		632.71
US CELLULAR	HOT SPOT	54.16
VISA		979.44
WEX BANK		286.69
Accounts Payable Total		22,890.38
Payroll Checks		7,084.64
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		29,975.02