

PROCEEDINGS OF BENNETT CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 7, 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, Schneekloth(via phone), Hulick and Eicher absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public communication: Mayor Sparks offered a Congratulations for Council Eicher being elected president-elect to the Iowa League of Cities. Mayor Sparks thanked Paige Spray for her time and & dedication as the Bennett Public Library, she will be missed.

Library: 285 check-outs, 5 kids programs and a plant swap in September. \$14,382 will be allocated from county funds to the library. Library was awarded Brownstone grant, will receive 100 books in January & February. Miss Paige has resigned and will be done at the end of October.

Administration: State audit took place and report will be report will be released soon. City clerk will be on vacation the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>. Working on cleaning up delinquent accounts and sending some to IA Offset. AFR is completed and will be submitted to state.

Supervisor: Working with IA Waste Exchange & DNR on Main St building. 10/16 is the deadline for collecting lead line info for the DNR. 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the water tower maintenance will be completed 10/11 or 10/14. Attending classes in Dubuque 10/15 & 10/16.

Park: water in restrooms will be turned off 10/15. Still looking at purchasing new wood chips for the park.

New Business:

1. 3 garbage contracts were received, Oveson, Republic & Waste Management. Discussion was held and M/S, Schneekloth, Hulick to accept contract from Oveson. All Ayes. Will look into ways to save money so raising garbage rates may not be needed this year.
2. 3 LP contracts were received, AgVantage, Proce Oil & River Valley Coop. Discussion was held and M/S, Hulick, Boedeker to accept contract from AgVantage.
3. M/S, Boedeker, Kreinbring, approval of Resoltion 2024-08; Delegate bank depository. All Ayes
4. Halloween hours were set. 10/31 from 5:30 – 7:30 Community Club will sponsor free hot dog meal at the Bennett Ambulance building from 5-6.
5. Discussion on spending funds from the sale of old city truck. Supervisor Lange suggested purchasing a new lawn mower and putting balance into savings. Council will table for November with bids on mower. Truck was purchased for \$10,400.
6. Discussion on selling city snow pusher. M/S, Boedeker, Schneekloth to sell. Ayes; Boedker, Hulick, Schneekloth. Nays; Kreinbring
7. Discussion on offering a insurance stipend to part employees. Will table until November for further discussion.

8. Discussion on setting out stop signs on Main and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> for before and after school. Will work with Superintendent Lange on moving forward with this. Looking at the safety of the children crossing Main St during those hours and slowing traffic down.
9. Discussion on possible donation of 236 Main St/bank building to the city. Mayor Sparks will set up a time with bank for a tour of the building and will discuss more at November meeting. Will get an estimate on insurance cost.

Old Business:

1. Circling back to the ditch weeds on Cedar & Fair. Mayor Sparks did meet with home owners and city will look at getting a quote on ditch weed removal/clean up.

7:05 PM M/S, Boedeker, Kreinbring to adjourn meeting. All Ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 4th at 6:00 PM at Bennett Ambulance Building.

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Joe Sparks – Bennett Mayor

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Lisa Syring – City Clerk

ALLIANT ENERGY		1895.27
BANLEACO	PRINTER LEASE	91.42
CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT	GARNISHMENT	107
EFTPS PAYMENTS	FED/FICA TAXES	1,824.51
F & B. COMMUNICATIONS		456.38
IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES	FY25 PERMIT FEE	210
IPERS		1079.86
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	AIR FILTER	109.98
KELVIN LANGE	JUNE-AUGUST	210
LISA SYRING	JUNE-AUGUST CELL	105
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		
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SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT GROUP	PRINTER USAGE	47.74
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	MINUTES & FINANCIALS	71.14
TREASURER, STATE OF IA-PR	STATE TAXES	630.74
TREASURER, STATE OF IA-PR	STATE TAXES	97.24
VISA		1070.3
WEX BANK	CITY TRUCK & TRACTOR	369.25
Accounts Payable Total		8,050.40
Payroll Checks		6,063.06
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		14,113.46