

PROCEEDINGS OF BENNETT CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2026 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, Wolf, Schneekloth and Hulick. Eicher absent.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Forum: Kevin Rasdon addressed the Council about the possibility of moving the Easter Egg hunt from the school to Main St on April 4th. Will be added to the March agenda for more details.

Library: 126 library check outs for January and 102 check outs on the Libby app. Still working on completing a Community Foundation Grant from a few years ago that was not completed. Director Jenel is 2 courses away from becoming certified with the state.

Sheriff: 53 total patrol calls in January.

Superintendent: 2 trainings in February and will attend the J&R Supply expo in March. Working with Clerk on DNR and ECIA grants. Also working Eocene on community survey.

Administration: Working on DNR and ECIA grants. Working with Eocene on community website and survey for community input.

New Business:

1. Discussion on moving forward with annexation of moving parcels into city limits. First step would need to be a survey, which was estimated around \$4000-\$8000. Mayor Sparks will reach out to Assessor office on getting some property valuation numbers.
2. Discussion on garbage rate increases. We currently have a 5 year contract with Oveson and would like to be sure we are in step with their rates so we stay out of the negative. M/S, Schneekloth, Wolf to increase rates that coincide with the contract from Oveson. Roll Call, All Ayes.

Beginning 11/1/26 increase by \$1.10

Beginning 11/1/27 increase by \$1.15

Beginning 11/1/28 increase by \$1.20

3. Discussion on the future possibility of the city library and school library sharing space at the school. Director Jenel was approached by Principal Costello with the possibility of her covering hours for the school. The Council was all for that, as long as that is what Director Jenel wants. The Council also discussed the possibility of collaborating in the future with moving the city library to the school. One concern was the longevity of the school and making it handicap accessible. The Council decided they did not want to move forward with that possibility in the future.
4. A variance was asked for Main and 3rd St. M/S, Boedeker, Hulick to add a variance of the building lot code of 10,000 square feet to 7,000 square feet and the set back of 15' to the south side of the lot be allowed to 10'. Roll Call, All Ayes.
5. 308 Main St will be the new address assigned to Main and 3rd.

6. Discussion on the purchase of a used brush truck for the fire department. Purchase will be made with Brown's WB Ford for \$22,900. Funds used for the purchase will come from the fire department Ipait savings account. The Inland Firefighters account will pay to have the truck decked out for what is needed. M/S, Schneekloth, Hulick to approve the purchase. Wolf and Boedeker abstained from the vote. Clerk will reach out to Eicher for her vote.
7. Discussion on Lansing Bid for the demo and asbestos removal of 200 block Main St building. DNR will cover 75% of the asbestos removal with the city covering the remaining 25%. Could use LOST funds for this invoice. Lange will reach out to DNR for the next steps moving forward.
8. Discussion on applying for the Community Foundation Grant for the city. Topics were handicap ramp or a new restroom in 236 Main St. Council would like to move forward with applying for the grant and installing a new restroom in 236 Main St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm. Motion made by Boedeker, seconded by Hulick.

Next meeting will be Monday March 2, 2026, at 6:00pm

Joseph Sparks – Mayor

Lisa Syring – City Clerk

AG VANTAGE	LIBRARY	1,793.70
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,846.81
BANLEACO	PRINTER LEASE	171.84
CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT	GARNISHMENT	152.26
DELTA DENTAL IA		273.6
EFTPS PAYMENTS		1789.56
F & B. COMMUNICATIONS		271.84
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE	248.66
IPERS	IPERS	1085.95
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Theisens	56.26
JUSTIN RITZ	LAGOON GENERATOR MAINT	489.3
KYLE R. MAURER, ATTORNEY	10/7-12/10 2025 SERVICES	512.5
MENARDS IOWA CITY	PAPER TOWELS/BATTERIES/HAMMER	64.3
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC		737.93
OMNISITE	1 WIRELESS SERVICE	290
ROSS MEDICAL SUPPLY		243
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		5411.92
SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT GROUP	PRINTER LEASE	28.88
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	COLIFORM & ECOLI	17.5
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	MINUTES/FINANCIALS	57.7
VISA		792.77
WEX BANK	TRUCK & TRACTOR	353.73
Accounts Payable Total		14,762.21
Payroll Checks		6,023.15
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		20,785.36