

PROCEEDINGS OF BENNETT CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025 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 (via phone), Schneekloth, Hulick & Eicher.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Library: 4 kid's programs and 1 adult book chat. New librarian started 10/6/25, Janel Klemesh. 170 material check outs. Auditor had suggested charging the Friends of the Library for books given to them from the city. City will charge .01 per kids' book and .02 per adult book. Library board is not comfortable with checking out blood pressure cuffs that were donated to the library. Cuffs will be sent back to the American Heart Association.

Park: New picnic tables will be painted this month.

Sheriff: All went good for the block party on 10/4, no incidents were reported. Council did ask for them to patrol a little more in early morning hours.

Admin: A family surgery is set for 11/10, City Hall office will be closed that day with limited hours that week. Please check FB page for hours. It is time for the re-codify the city ordinance book. City will move forward with ECIA with an estimate of \$1000-\$1500 for FY26.

Superintendent: PW Director will be out of office 10/14 & 10/15 for training in Dubuque. An anonymous report was made to the DNR for testing, DNR was on site for testing and no concerns were found and a full clean report will be presented at November council meeting. Also found the sewer lift system was sabotaged and went offline. Thankfully PW Director was made aware of this and took action before more could have happened. This sabotage will cost the city a charge & travel fee as our pump vendor had to be called in. Sheriff's office will come over to document.

New Business:

1. Sarah from Cedar County Conversation spoke on programs that she has been offering at the library. She began these programs in 2017. Council Schneekloth offered a thank you to Miss Stephanie for all she has done with the library and continues being a core person for the library.
2. M/S, Schneekloth, Eicher, to approve Resolution 2025-07; hiring Kyle Maurer as new city attorney. All Ayes.
3. Discussion on derelict building & 236 Main St. Phase 1 has been completed on both buildings. A finding of a possible 150 gallon tank in front of the buildings was brought up on both locations. Will discuss moving forward with DNR on this and ECIA. City Clerk & PW Director met with planning committee on next steps moving forward with these 2 buildings. A website should be up in about 2 weeks diving more into the needs/wants for these buildings.

6:57 PM M/S, Hulick, Boedeker to adjourn meeting. All Ayes.

Next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Bennett Ambulance Building.

Joseph Sparks – Mayor

Lisa Syring – City Clerk

AG VANTAGE	LP REGULATOR CHANGE OUT	403.16
ALLIANT ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS	2,601.60
CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY UNIT	GARNISHMENT	152.26
EFTPS PAYMENTS	FED/FICA TAXES	2,732.73
F & B. COMMUNICATIONS		417.56
HAWKINS, INC	AZONE	178.58
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP	HEIMAN SUPREME	461.8
IPERS		1564.12
JJJ ENTERPRISES INC	HAULING OF ROCK/STOCK PILE	131.67
JJJ ENTERPRISES INC	SINKHOLE ON LOCUST ST	480
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	WORK PANTS	172.7
KELVIN LANGE	JUNE-AUGUST CELL PHONE	207.26
LIFE ASSIST, INC		88.49
LISA SYRING	JUNE-AUGUST CELL PHONE	105
MENARDS IOWA CITY	SPINDLES FOR RAMP	47.05
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	PULL PUMP & REMOVE DEBRIS	322.5
OVESON REFUSE & RECYCLING		7,014.00
RACOM CORP		382.5
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		582.64
SOLUTIONS MANAGEMENT GROUP	PRINTER LEASE	28.88
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	GCMS/ACIDS/COLIFORM/ECOLI	180.5
TIPTON CONSERVATIVE	AUGUST MINUTES & FINANCIALS	80.5
TREASURER, STATE OF IA-PR		612.55
US CELLULAR		104.1
VISA		407.76
WENDLING QUARRIES, INC	ROCK FOR STOCK PILE	230.85
WENDLING QUARRIES, INC		34.8
Accounts Payable Total		19,225.46
Payroll Checks		8,950.75
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		28,176.21