

City of Bennet, Nebraska

City Council

Minutes for June 10, 2024

Regular Meeting

The Bennet City Council (“Council”) of the City of Bennet, Nebraska (“City”), convened for a regular business meeting on June 10, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe Street, the same being open to the public and preceded by advanced publicized notice duly given in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, having set forth (a) the time, date, and place of the meeting, (b) that the meeting would be open to the public, and (c) that the agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, was available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, and posted at the City Office, Post Office, and First Nebraska Bank.

Mayor Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call. Members in attendance: Steve Bettendorf, Justin Dorn, Pete Simmons, Dan Zieg, Ryan Cheney. City Engineer Brian Schuele and City Attorney David Solheim were also in attendance. A quorum being present, the meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

- 3.a. MINUTES of May 13, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Approval
- 3.b. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
- 3.c. TREASURER'S REPORT
- 3.d. **RESOLUTION 2024-6.1**, approving request of Big Ten Tavern for a Block Party permit to close a portion of the east/west alley in Block 41 for a beer garden July 3, 2024.

Dorn moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney opened a public hearing at 7:02PM. on the Comprehensive Development Plan. Representatives from Marvin Consultants testified in support and recommended a review every 5 years. Seeing no testifiers, Mayor Cheney closed the public hearing at 7:04PM.

Mayor Cheney introduced Resolution 2024-62 to adopt the Comprehensive Development Plan. Marvin Consultants noted that any amendments would also need to be done by

resolution in the future. Dorn moved approval and Zieg seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Council tabled a request from Amy Long regarding a offstreet parking requirements.

Zieg moved and Bettendorf seconded a motion to adopt the Amended Subdivision Agreement for Cochrane Corner, incorporating the requirement the developer reimburse the City \$24,073 for a water main on Tyler Street, per the Engineer's recommendation. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Mayor Cheney introduced Resolution 2024-6.3 a resolution requesting authorizing from NE DOT to close Highway 43 for a parade on July 4. Brian Scheule provided updates from the County Sheriff. David Solheim provided updates on correspondence with NE DOT since the last meeting. Dorn moved approval and Bettendorf seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Zieg moved and Bettendorf seconded approval of the agreement with Wald & Co Inc d/b/a All American Display Fireworks for the 4th of July fireworks display in the amount of \$8,5000, to be reimbursed by Bennet Builders. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Dorn moved and Bettendorf seconded approval of the agreement with Nowear BMX for entertainment on July 3, 2024, in the amount of \$1,499. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Simmons moved and Bettendorf seconded approval of a 25' curb cut request from Mark Schmidt. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

Brian Scheule introduced the bid results for the water looping project and recommended approval of the Van Kirk Bros bid in the amount of \$349,996.00. Bettendorf moved approval and Dorn seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

The Council discussed street repairs on Tall Grass Circle. Brian Schuele will get bids.

The Council discussed the Lancaster County Rural Water District #1 rate increase and assigned the issue to the Utilities Committee for review/recommendations.

The Council discussed certain capital improvement projects pursuant to the CIP Plan.

The Council took up on second reading Ordinance 2024-5.2 to implement user fees on high-volume water consumers. Dorn moved approval on second reading and Zieg seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Zieg. NO: Simmons. Motion carried.

The Council tabled the issue of line striping for downtown parking.

The Council table the issue of development fees for new subdivisions.

Bettendorf moved to adjourn and Zeig seconded the motion. Roll call vote: YES: Bettendorf, Dorn, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

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City Attorney David Solheim
Sitting in for the City Clerk

Mayor Ryan Cheney