

City of Bennet
City Council
NOTICE OF MEETING
June 9, 2025
City Council Regular Meeting
7:00 PM

Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe, Bennet, NE 68317

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL AND PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW NOTIFICATION
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 3.a. MINUTES of May 29, 2025, City Council Special Meeting Approval
 - 3.b. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT
 - 3.c. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - 3.d. RES 2025-6.1 Temporary Use of Highway 43
 - 3.e. RES 2025-6.2 Big Ten Tavern Block Party
4. PRESIDING OFFICER PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT.
5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.a. RES 2025-5.3 Revising employee monthly insurance stipend
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.a. Re-investments water/sewer sinking funds CD's
 - 6.b. Michael Hoback with AMGL, P.C. to present the audit report.
 - 6.c. Resident requested a No Parking sign on Vince Drive near clustered mail boxes.
7. REPORTS: Written reports submitted in advance are available for review in the public copy of meeting material. Submitted reports include Utility Superintendent, Sheriff's Office, Engineer.
* Additions to submitted reports
8. COMMUNICATIONS
9. PUBLIC COMMENT
10. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting agendas are kept continuously current and available for public inspection at the offices of the City Clerk. All sessions of the Bennet Mayor and City Council remain open to the attendance of the public, but the Council reserves the right to go into closed session subject to the Open Meetings Act

City of Bennet, Nebraska
City Council
Minutes May 29, 2025
Special Meeting

The Bennet City Council (the "Council") of the City of Bennet, Nebraska (the "City") held a Special business meeting on May 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM, at the Bennet City Hall, 685 Monroe, Bennet, NE 68317 in the City, the same being open to the public and preceded by advance publicized notice duly given in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 84, Article 14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, and having set forth (a) the time, date and place of the meeting; (b) that the meeting would be open to the attendance of 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 Ryan Cheney called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act. City Clerk Sue Biltoft conducted roll call. Council Members in attendance were Dan Zieg, Pete Simmons, Jesse Schmidt and Josh Buck. A quorum being present, and the meeting duly commenced, the following proceedings were taken while the meeting remained open to attendance by the public. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Zieg moved, and Simmons seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the May 12th, 2025, regular city council meeting. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion Carried.

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

Mayor Cheney introduced Resolution 2025-5.3 to revise monthly payment from the City for Permanent Full-time Employees to Defray the Cost of Health Insurance. Zieg moved and Simmons seconded a motion to approve the suggested amount of \$1,000/month with the Resolution changed to reflect the condition that employees must provide proof of insurance on a quarterly basis. The Resolution will be revised and reviewed at the June 9th, 2025, meeting. Roll call vote: YES: Zieg, Simmons, Buck. NAY: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Councilman Schmidt presented the ALLO proposal again with updated information.

Zieg moved, and Simmons seconded a motion to approve ALLO's proposal starting October 2025. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

City Clerk Biltoft presented the information for the Municipal Accounting & Finance Conference, June 18-20, 2025, for attendance by herself and Deputy City Clerk Michelle Olesen. Attendance was recommended and approved.

The Subdivision Improvement Agreement-Cochrane Corner 1st Addition was reviewed for the updated changes to the revised plans. Zieg moved and Schmidt seconded a motion to approve the agreement. Roll call vote: YES: Zieg, Simmons, Buck, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Zieg moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM, Simmons seconded. Roll call vote: YES: Buck, Schmidt, Simmons, Zieg. Motion carried.

City Clerk Sue Biltoft

Mayor, Ryan Cheney City of Bennet, NE

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Credit
06/09/2025		ABC Termite & Pest Control Inc.	Pest Control	\$150.00
06/09/2025		American Recycling	Recycling Clean up day	\$355.00
06/09/2025	EFT	Black Hills Energy	Gas Utility	\$52.87
06/09/2025		Electric Pump	Repairs	\$919.00
06/09/2025		Evergreen Development Inc.	Curb Cut refund 1405 Hackberry	\$250.00
06/09/2025		Farmers Coop Dorchester	Tire Repair	\$25.00
05/31/2025	EFT	First Nebraska Bank	ACH Fees	\$173.75
05/21/2025	EFT	First Nebraska Bank	ACH Fees	\$60.00
05/19/2025	TRANS	Four Sons Inc.	Operating Expenses	\$456.25
06/09/2025		GreatAmerica Financial Svcs	Copier Lease	\$175.00
06/09/2025		Harris Decals	City Office Window Lettering/Sign	\$799.03
06/09/2025		Hochstetler, David	Inspections	\$45.00
05/15/2025	EFT	Intuit Checksform	Deposit Slips	\$79.34
05/16/2025	EFT	IRS/Department of Treasury	47-0485932	\$2,227.46
05/30/2025	EFT	IRS/Department of Treasury	47-0485932 - Employee Withholding	\$3,183.54
06/09/2025		Jung Electric Service	Electric repairs City Office	\$5,982.41
06/09/2025		Kreifels, Jeff	Inspector	\$180.00
06/09/2025		Lancaster County Sheriff	Patrol Services for May 2025	\$1,254.84
06/09/2025		League of Nebraska Municipalities	Finance Conference Sue	\$505.00
06/09/2025		Lovell Excavating	Maintenance & Repair	\$400.00
05/16/2025	4562	LPL Financial	Employees IRA	\$259.20
05/30/2025	4563	LPL Financial	Employees IRA	\$412.62
06/09/2025		McKeil Michael	Curbscut Refund 375 Cottonwood Ct	\$250.00
06/09/2025		Midwest Labs	Effluent test & Supplies	\$207.37
06/09/2025		MMC Consulting	Reference Manual	\$395.00
06/09/2025		NCS INC	IT Support	\$359.67
06/09/2025		NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Testing	\$60.00
06/09/2025	EFT	Nebraska City Utilities	Electricity 4/7/25-5/7/25	\$3,749.41
06/09/2025		Nebraska City Utilities	Evergreen Street Lights	\$9,015.04
06/09/2025		Nebraska Code Consulting and Inspection	Building inspections	\$975.00
05/16/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	210289361 - Employee Withholding	\$369.36
05/30/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	210289361 - Employee Withholding	\$465.13
06/04/2025	EFT	Nebraska Dept. of Revenue	Sales Tax	\$1,260.19
06/09/2025		Olsson Inc.	Engineering	\$1,207.69
06/09/2025		One Call Concepts, Inc.	Diggers Hotline	\$37.85
06/09/2025		Paul Selivanoff	Curb Cut refund 960 Evergreen Rd	\$250.00
06/09/2025		Petty Cash	Petty Cash	\$15.39
06/09/2025		Predmore Designs	Curb Cut refund 165 Switchgrass	\$250.00
06/09/2025		Richmond Hills Homes	Curb Cut refund 1350 Hackberry	\$250.00
06/09/2025		Rural Water District No. 1	Water	\$13,360.00
06/09/2025		Sams Club MC/Synch	Services & Supplies	\$1,056.65
06/09/2025		SNB Construction II	Curb Cut refund 705 Hackberry	\$250.00
06/09/2025		Solheim Law Firm	Legal	\$1,200.00
06/09/2025		TCA Outdoor Power	Weed Eater	\$319.99
06/09/2025		The Voice News	Publications	\$217.31
06/09/2025		Uribe Refuse Services, Inc.	Refuse	\$3,352.57
06/09/2025		Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones	\$129.42
06/09/2025		Visa	Supplies	\$97.37
06/09/2025		Wald & CO INC	Fireworks	\$8,500.00

06/09/2025	EFT	Windstream	Phones	\$540.55
Payroll & Stipend				19,466.74
Mayor & Council Pay				\$1,893.17

	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25
(B) 2 VLG Checking	\$142,352.57	\$247,905.26	\$293,474.86
(B) 2009 Sewer Bond MM	\$1,080,081.39	\$108,126.54	\$114,706.05
(B) Park Improvement Savings (1/4)	\$12,665.34	\$12,665.34	\$12,665.34
(B) KENO Community Betterment	\$17,307.34	\$17,772.52	\$17,878.39
(B) KENO Prize Reserve	\$32,396.76	\$33,078.25	\$32,635.52
Subtotal Bennet First Nebraska	\$1,284,803.40	\$419,547.91	\$471,360.16
(U) ICS Account #298		\$1,092,446.70	\$1,096,052.36
(U) CD - Water Sinking 5/29/25	\$16,712.49	\$16,712.49	\$16,762.76
(U) CD -Sewer Sinking 5/29/25	\$16,712.49	\$16,712.49	\$16,762.76
(U) Housing Rehab Savings (6mo)	\$819.14	\$819.14	\$819.14
(U) Value Edge MM	\$142,425.55	\$1,009.60	\$1,010.31
Subtotal Union Bank	\$176,669.67	\$1,127,700.42	\$1,131,407.33
Petty Cash	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
TOTALS	\$1,461,538.07	\$1,547,313.33	\$1,602,832.49

City of Bennet
Profit & Loss by Fund (Fiscal Year-to-Date) Use This For Closing Month
 October 2024 through May 2025

	1 GENERAL	2 STREET	4 WATER	5 SEWER	6 GARBAGE	7 DEBT SE...	8 SALES T...	9 KENO	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense									
Income									
4000 · Personal & Real Property T...									
4010 · Property Taxes									
4011 · Property Tax/General	184,319.01								184,319.01
4012 · Property Tax/Sewer						44,418.87			44,418.87
Total 4010 · Property Taxes	184,319.01					44,418.87			228,737.88
4020 · Other Taxes									
Occupation/Franchise Taxes	12,366.03								12,366.03
Total 4020 · Other Taxes	12,366.03								12,366.03
Total 4000 · Personal & Real Prop...	196,685.04					44,418.87			241,103.91
4200 · State Receipts									
4210 · Motor Vehicle Pro Rate		624.78							624.78
4230 · Highway Allocation & Inc...									
4231 · Highway Allocation		94,493.40							94,493.40
4232 · Highway Incentive		3,000.00							3,000.00
Total 4230 · Highway Allocation...		97,493.40							97,493.40
4240 · Motor Vehicle Fees		7,157.83							7,157.83
Total 4200 · State Receipts		105,276.01							105,276.01
4500 · Local Receipts									
4520 · Motor Vehicle Tax		21,087.56							21,087.56
4530 · Local Option Sales Tax I...									
Sales Tax Collection Fee							303.51		303.51
4530 · Local Option Sales Ta...		21,165.03					82,263.40		103,428.43
Total 4530 · Local Option Sales ...		21,165.03					82,566.91		103,731.94
4550 · Local Receipts Other									
4551 · Use of Money & Prope...									
4551.1 · Interest & Dividen...									
Dividend Income	13.70								13.70
Interest Income	12,883.19		1,509.17	198.46		3,620.12		151.34	18,362.28
4551.1 · Interest & Divid...	627.85		425.53			253.06			1,306.44
Total 4551.1 · Interest & Di...	13,524.74		1,934.70	198.46		3,873.18		151.34	19,682.42

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Insurance Income/reimbur...	1,375.00								1,375.00
Total 4559 · Miscellaneous In...	1,001,625.00								1,001,625.00
Total 4550 · Local Receipts Other	1,061,918.18		200,805.36	152,050.96	58,933.27	3,873.18	37.47	5,758.11	1,483,376.53
Total 4500 · Local Receipts	1,061,918.18	42,252.59	200,805.36	152,050.96	58,933.27	3,873.18	82,604.38	5,758.11	1,608,196.03
Total Income	1,258,603.22	147,528.60	200,805.36	152,050.96	58,933.27	48,292.05	82,604.38	5,758.11	1,954,575.95
Gross Profit	1,258,603.22	147,528.60	200,805.36	152,050.96	58,933.27	48,292.05	82,604.38	5,758.11	1,954,575.95
Expense									
5000 · Governmental Activities									
5100 · General Government									
Bank service charge	1,000,642.00								1,000,642.00
Building & Safety Exp	7,485.00								7,485.00
Capital Improvement	5,201.67	3,431.91	3,431.91	3,431.91					15,497.40
Contract Labor	4,117.89								4,117.89
Dues/Subscrip/Workshops	9,655.96								9,655.96
Equipment & Tools									
Equipment Purchased	379.00								379.00
Equipment Rental	1,264.34								1,264.34
Total Equipment & Tools	1,643.34								1,643.34
Insurance	1,583.60								1,583.60
O/R&M Building/Property	19,859.16								19,859.16
O/R&M Equipment	5,368.80								5,368.80
Payroll Salaries & Wages									
Trustee Pay	12,050.00								12,050.00
With IRA	57,390.29								57,390.29
Without IRA	27,219.91								27,219.91
Total Payroll Salaries & Wages	96,660.20								96,660.20
Payroll Taxes & Benefits									
Medicare	1,401.53	46.80	51.49	87.21	50.81				1,637.84
Retirement	1,779.27	91.23	9.00	11.88	20.83				1,912.21
Social Security	5,992.92	200.08	220.10	372.85	217.22				7,003.17
Total Payroll Taxes & Benefits	9,173.72	338.11	280.59	471.94	288.86				10,553.22
Postage & Shipping	10.10								10.10
Postage/Delivery	455.69								455.69
Printing/Publishing	4,948.91								4,948.91

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	1 GENERAL	2 STREET	4 WATER	5 SEWER	6 GARBAGE	7 DEBT SE...	8 SALES T...	9 KENO	TOTAL
Payroll Salaries & Wages									
With IRA		9,856.00							9,856.00
Without IRA		8,871.53							8,871.53
Total Payroll Salaries & W...		18,727.53							18,727.53
Payroll Taxes & Benefits									
Medicare		224.76							224.76
Retirement		266.16							266.16
Social Security		961.04							961.04
Total Payroll Taxes & Ben...		1,451.96							1,451.96
Professional Fees									
Accounting		2,730.00							2,730.00
Engineer & Specialty		4,781.06							4,781.06
Total Professional Fees		7,511.06							7,511.06
Supplies-General		6,131.01							6,131.01
Utility-Electric		10,879.94							10,879.94
5310 · Street - Other		689.59							689.59
Total 5310 · Street		214,446.83							214,446.83
Total 5300 · Public Works		214,446.83							214,446.83
5500 · Capital Improvements		95,734.93							95,734.93
5700 · Culture & Recreation									
5720 · Parks & Recreation									
Capital Improvement	20,075.00								20,075.00
Supplies - General	677.45								677.45
Utility-Electric	2,139.03								2,139.03
Total 5720 · Parks & Recreat...	22,891.48								22,891.48
Total 5700 · Culture & Recreation	22,891.48								22,891.48
5800 · Community Development									
KENO Expense								8,533.90	8,533.90
Total 5800 · Community Develo...								8,533.90	8,533.90
5999 · Miscellaneous Expense	85.88								85.88
Total 5000 · Governmental Activities	1,240,798.87	313,951.78	3,712.50	3,903.85	288.86			8,533.90	1,571,189.76

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Payroll Taxes & Benefits									
Medicare				287.70					287.70
Retirement				114.87					114.87
Social Security				1,230.16					1,230.16
Total Payroll Taxes & Benefits				1,632.73					1,632.73
Postage/Delivery				446.50					446.50
Professional Fees									
Accounting				2,730.00					2,730.00
Engineer & Specialty				2,081.18					2,081.18
Total Professional Fees				4,811.18					4,811.18
Supplies-General				11,870.45					11,870.45
Telephone/Fax				2,058.90					2,058.90
Utility-Electric				16,574.15					16,574.15
Total 6700 - Wastewater-Sewer				236,235.06					236,235.06
6800 - Water									
Capital Improvement			350,505.93						350,505.93
Debt Service									
Bond Fees			187.20						187.20
Bond Interest			983.25						983.25
Bond Principal			55,500.00						55,500.00
Total Debt Service			56,670.45						56,670.45
Dues/Subscrp/Workshops			500.00						500.00
Equipment Purchased			13,904.88						13,904.88
O/R&M Building/Property			335.00						335.00
O/R&M Equipment			10,406.24						10,406.24
O/R&M Lines			6,569.00						6,569.00
Payroll Salaries & Wages									
With IRA			10,842.51						10,842.51
Without IRA			17,760.50						17,760.50
Total Payroll Salaries & Wages			28,603.01						28,603.01
Payroll Taxes & Benefits									
Medicare			363.28						363.28
Retirement			316.28						316.28
Social Security			1,553.31						1,553.31
Total Payroll Taxes & Benefits			2,232.87						2,232.87
Postage/Delivery			446.50						446.50

City of Bennet
Balance Sheet by Fund (Fiscal Year-to-Date) Use This For Closing Month
 October 2024 through May 2025

	1 GENERAL	2 STREET	4 WATER	5 SEWER	6 GARBA...	7 DEBT S...	8 SALES ...	9 KENO	ARP FUN...	Unclassif...	TOTAL
ASSETS											
Current Assets											
Checking/Savings											
(B) 1 VLG of Bennet 84...	-160.00										-160.00
(B) 2 VLG Checking	-577,633.35	251,794.15	207,142.61	-44,456.20	60,146.83	44,066.83	169,087.13	-17,845.79	160,917.02	40,429.39	293,648.62
(B) 2009 Sewer Bond ...				108,126.54						6,579.51	114,706.05
(B) Park Improvement ...	12,665.34										12,665.34
(U) Housing Rehab Sa...	819.14										819.14
(U) ICS Account #298											
General	994,061.09										994,061.09
Street		51,231.25									51,231.25
Water			47,154.36								47,154.36
(U) ICS Account #29...										3,605.66	3,605.66
Total (U) ICS Account ...	994,061.09	51,231.25	47,154.36							3,605.66	1,096,052.36
(U) Value Edge MM											
General	9.60										9.60
(U) Value Edge MM -...	1,000.00									0.71	1,000.71
Total (U) Value Edge MM	1,009.60									0.71	1,010.31
Certificate of Deposit											
(U) CD 376482 Un+G...	16,712.49									50.27	16,762.76
(U) CD 376483 Unio...			16,712.49							50.27	16,762.76
Total Certificate of De...	16,712.49		16,712.49							100.54	33,525.52
(B) Keno-Community ...								17,772.52		105.87	17,878.39
(B) Keno Prize Reserve								33,078.25		-442.73	32,635.52
Petty Cash	65.00										65.00
Total Checking/Savings	447,539.31	303,025.40	271,009.46	63,670.34	60,146.83	44,066.83	169,087.13	33,004.98	160,917.02	50,378.95	1,602,846.25
Accounts Receivable											
Accounts Receivable	173.65		53,964.46	3.58	-2,787.89					-53,158.78	-1,804.98
Total Accounts Receivable	173.65		53,964.46	3.58	-2,787.89					-53,158.78	-1,804.98
Other Current Assets											
Cash @ County Treas.	3,084.96					256.78					3,341.74
Inventory - Water			29,642.56								29,642.56
Prepaid Insurance - G...					1,649.00						1,649.00
Prepaid Insurance - Se...				1,649.00							1,649.00
Prepaid Insurance - W...			1,649.00								1,649.00
Unbilled Revenue - Ga...					3,669.52						3,669.52
Unbilled Revenue - Se...				20,868.29							20,868.29
Unbilled Revenue - Wa...			24,293.38								24,293.38
1499 Undeposited Fu...	-1,129.34	-45.00	-15,100.03		-6,633.31					23,381.87	474.19

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Balance Sheet by Fund (Fiscal Year-to-Date) Use This For Closing Month
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	<u>1 GENERAL</u>	<u>2 STREET</u>	<u>4 WATER</u>	<u>5 SEWER</u>	<u>6 GARBA...</u>	<u>7 DEBT S...</u>	<u>8 SALES ...</u>	<u>9 KENO</u>	<u>ARP FUN...</u>	<u>Unclassif...</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
F/B unreserved											
ARP									160,917.02		160,917.02
1 · General Fund	414,887.14										414,887.14
2 · Street Fund		303,008.06									303,008.06
7 · Debt Service						113,703.96					113,703.96
8 · Sales Tax							234,680.78				234,680.78
9 · Keno								33,004.98			33,004.98
F/B unreserved - Ot...						644.65					644.65
Total F/B unreserved	<u>414,887.14</u>	<u>303,008.06</u>				<u>114,348.61</u>	<u>234,680.78</u>	<u>33,004.98</u>	<u>160,917.02</u>		<u>1,260,846.59</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>414,887.14</u>	<u>303,008.06</u>				<u>114,348.61</u>	<u>234,680.78</u>	<u>33,004.98</u>	<u>160,917.02</u>		<u>1,260,846.59</u>
Retained Earnings-Uncla...	35,657.74	17.34	-24,675.83	122,534.14	2,085.26	-70,025.00	-65,593.65				
Retained Earnings - Garb...					56,038.81						56,038.81
Retained Earnings - Sewer				605,456.70							605,456.70
Retained Earnings - Water			789,589.82								789,589.82
Net Income	13,225.41	10,755.05	7,665.22	1,019.51	-1,325.46	6,579.51	13,177.06	-336.86			50,759.44
Total Equity	<u>463,770.29</u>	<u>313,780.45</u>	<u>772,579.21</u>	<u>729,010.35</u>	<u>56,798.61</u>	<u>50,903.12</u>	<u>182,264.19</u>	<u>32,668.12</u>	<u>160,917.02</u>		<u>2,762,691.36</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>463,818.31</u>	<u>313,780.45</u>	<u>1,069,774.77</u>	<u>1,405,090.25</u>	<u>61,444.00</u>	<u>50,903.12</u>	<u>182,151.63</u>	<u>32,668.12</u>	<u>160,917.02</u>	<u>-1,324.81</u>	<u>3,739,222.86</u>



Road closure locations.

Highway closures require Type III Barricades with Road Closed signs, as well as Road Closed Ahead signs 350-500' in advance.

RESOLUTION NO.2025-6.1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BENNET, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY USE OF HIGHWAY 43 FOR A SPECIAL EVENT ON JULY 4, 2025, AND ACCEPT THE DUTIES SET OUT IN NEB. REV. STAT. 39-1359(2)

WHEREAS the City of Bennet wishes to temporarily use a portion of Highway 43 within its corporate limits for purposes of a parade route on July 4, 2025;

WHEREAS Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-1359(2) sets forth certain conditions for the temporary use of a state highway system for a special event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BENNET, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

1. The City hereby approves the temporary use of Highway 43 within the City's corporate limits as follows:

Special Event: Fourth of July Parade on July 4, 2025

Closure Route: Beginning at Birch Street on the north and ending at Juniper Street on the south (the "Highway" herein)

Duration: City assumes control at 8:00AM on July 4, 2025, and relinquishes control at 12:00PM on July 4, 2025

2. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-1359(2)(b), the City acknowledges that it shall have the legal duty to protect the Highway from any damage that may occur arising out of the special event, and the State shall not have any such duty during the time the City is in control of the Highway.
3. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat 39-1359(2)(c), the City acknowledges that any existing statutory or common law duty to protect the public from damage, injury, or death shall become the duty of the City during the time the City is in control of the Highway, and the State shall not have any such duty during the time the City is in control of the Highway.
4. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-1359(2)(d), the City hereby accepts all duties set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. 39-1359(2), and if a claim is made against the State, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State from all claims, demands, actions, damages, and liability, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise from the special event.
5. The City shall erect barricades and deploy traffic control devices as recommended by the City Engineer.
6. The notice previously provided to the Nebraska Department of Transportation by the President of the City Council is hereby ratified.

7. The Mayor is authorized to execute any additional documents necessary to carry out this temporary use.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF JUNE 2025.

Ryan Cheney, Mayor

ATTEST

Sue Biltoft, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6.2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF BIG TEN TAVERN, 625 MONROE STREET, FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY (BEER GARDEN) IN AN AREA INCLUDING THE EAST 110 FEET OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 41, BENNET.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BENNET, NEBRASKA:

THAT the application of Big Ten Tavern (Licensee) to conduct a Block Party within an area in Block 41, Bennet, including the east 110 feet of the east-west alley located therein from 8:00 am on July 4, 2025, through 2:00 am on July 6, 2025, is approved, subject to the following conditions:

- A. Licensee shall apply and receive a Special Designate License from the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for the specified dates and location.
- B. Proper and sufficient barricades will be placed to assure that no vehicular traffic may enter during the proposed activities. Licensees shall be responsible, at their own cost and expense, for the placement and removal of the barricades.
- C. The Licensee shall clear all trash and other debris from the rights-of-way upon completion of the licensed activities.
- D. Licensee acknowledges and represents that they have inspected the licensed premises, know the condition thereof, and assume full responsibility for any injury to persons or damage to property by reason of the use of the licensed premises under this license and shall undertake and agree to release and hold harmless and indemnify the City and all its officers and employees from and against all actions, claims, loss, demands, expense, damage, or liability of any nature whatsoever, for death or injury to any person or damage to any property in any manner arising by reason of or incident to

the exercise or enjoyment of the licensed premises herein given, whether or not caused solely or contributed to by any act or omission, active or passive, negligent or otherwise, of the City, or any officer, employee or agent.

E. Licensee shall have and maintain in force and effect a commercial general liability policy covering the licensed premises in a minimum amount of \$500,000, combined single limit (no deductible). The City shall be named as an additional insured on such policy. A certificate of insurance evidencing the required coverage shall be filed with the City at least one week prior to the proposed use of the licensed premises.

F. The Licensee shall, in writing, indicate their acceptance of the terms and conditions as set forth in this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor, City of Bennet

(SEAL)

Applicant (s) KNK LLC dba Big Ten Tavern

Contact information:

Mailing address: PO Box 153, Bennet, NE 68317

Primary phone: (402)805-0330

Secondary phone: (402)782-1059

Email Address: bigtentavernbennet@gmail.com

Organization information (if applicable):

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Primary phone: _____

Email Address: _____

EXACT proposed use: Beer Garden

Big Ten Tavern Parking Lot and adjoining alley

LOCATION (Example: Garden Street from Monroe to Madison. Intersections not included.)

E 1/2 of Lot 10 & W 1/2 Lot 11 & N 42.8' E22' of Lot 11 & N42.8' Lot 12 Block 41 Bennet
Lot C & Lot D ex N50' of the Subdivision of L1-8 B41 Bennett (Sidles) & the east 95' of the east/west alley in Block 41

DATE REQUESTED: July 4th HOURS REQUESTED: 8:00 TO 2:00 AM 7/5
July 5th 8:00 2:00 AM 7/6

DESCRIPTION and number of barricades (Must adhere to NDOR standards):

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The applicant, in consideration of the permit being granted agrees to hold harmless the City of Bennet and its officers and employees from all claims, demands, suits, actions, payments, liability, and judgments because of bodily injury or property damage caused by an accident arising out of the private use of the street. The applicant, in further consideration of the permit being granted, agrees to reimburse the City of Bennet for all damage to or loss of City property in his/her possession or control under this permit. The applicant agrees to clean the permitted area of all paper products, glass, plastic, trash and debris within one hour after the 'end time' approved for the block party. The applicant also agrees to remove the barricades immediately following clearing of all trash and debris.

Applicant Signature: [Signature] Date: 6-4-25

NOTE: Application must be received 3 days prior to the City Council meeting reviewing the request.

Date received by the City Clerk: 6-4-25 Meeting Date: 6-9-25

City Council approval and comments: _____

RESOLUTION NO 2025-5.3

A RESOLUTION REVISING MONTHLY PAYMENT FROM THE CITY TO PERMANENT, FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES TO DEFRAY THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE.

I.

In accordance with Article 9 of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska Personnel Policies and Procedures adopted by Resolution No. 2017-11.4, the City provides a monthly payment to permanent, full-time employees to defray the costs of the employee's health insurance, which payment is set by the Board of Trustees and reviewed on an annual basis.

II.

The amount of such payment, set by motion on July 8, 2024, of \$500.00, has been reviewed by the City Council and it now has determined that an adjustment to the amount of the monthly payment is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF BENNET, NEBRASKA:

THAT the amount of the payment be made to permanent full-time employees to defray the cost of the employee's health insurance, in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Village of Bennet, Nebraska Personnel Policies and Procedures is hereby set at \$1,000.00 with quarterly proof of insurance: March, June, September, December of each year.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of June 2025

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Bennet, NE

Mayor City
City of Bennet

SEAL

SIMPLY SAVINGS - 1675175**Account Summary**

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$819.14
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
05/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$819.14

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 05/01/2025 Through 05/31/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.36%
Interest Days	31
Interest Earned	\$0.25
Interest Paid This Period	\$0.00
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$0.73
Average Ledger Balance	\$819.14
Average Available Balance	\$819.14

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$819.14
	No activity this statement period			
05/30/2025	Ending Balance			\$819.14

20 MONTH CD - 376482**Certificate Summary**

Date	Description	Amount	Description	Amount
05/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$16,762.76	Interest Rate	1.9000%
	Maturity Date	01/29/2027	Next Interest Amount	\$27.05

(B) Interest will be paid by compounding

20 MONTH CD - 376483**Certificate Summary**

Date	Description	Amount	Description	Amount
05/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$16,762.76	Interest Rate	1.9000%
	Maturity Date	01/29/2027	Next Interest Amount	\$27.05

(B) Interest will be paid by compounding

City of Bennet received a new message.

Name

Ashley Bittinger

Email

Ashleykulm@gmail.com

Message

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to request that the City of Bennet consider installing No Parking signs near the cluster of mailboxes located on the northwest side of Vince Drive. Currently, vehicles often park directly in front of the mailboxes, which blocks access for mail carriers and prevents residents from receiving their mail in a timely manner. Despite efforts to address this issue neighbor-to-neighbor, the problem continues to persist. Installing signage would help ensure consistent access for USPS and avoid ongoing disruptions to mail service. Please let me know what steps are needed to move forward with this request or if there is a formal process I should follow. Thank you for your time and consideration. Best regards, Ashley Bittinger 20 Vince Drive 719-310-9943

Device

mobile

Language

en-US

Submitted_from

Contact us

Overtime Worked				
05-01-2025 to 05-31-2025				
Deputy	Start - End	# Hours	Date	OT Type
22173 FUNK, JORDAN	1115 - 1345	2.50	05-08-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
22173 FUNK, JORDAN	1145 - 1230	.75	05-12-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
22173 FUNK, JORDAN	1200 - 1400	2.00	05-13-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
22173 FUNK, JORDAN	1230 - 1400	1.50	05-26-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
22173 FUNK, JORDAN	1230 - 1345	1.25	05-27-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
		<u>8.00</u>		
22217 CALDWELL, TREVOR	0830 - 1330	5.00	05-19-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
22217 CALDWELL, TREVOR	0730 - 1230	5.00	05-25-2025	SUPL CONTRACT-BENNET
		<u>10.00</u>		
Total: 18.00				

VERIFIED

CS 2139



Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Funk
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet
 Date Worked 05-26-2025
 Start of Shift: 1230 End of Shift: 1400

Type codes: REF – referred by City Offices
 HBO – handled by officer
 O – other

BUS – business / area check
 UTL – unable to locate

SEL – selective enforcement
 GOA – gone on arrival

F/U – follow-up
 F/I – field interview

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
1230	50	43/Apple	Traffic
1230			Traffic Stop
1300-1330		Town Check	
		Park	
		Storage units	
		Monroe St Businesses	
		Madison St Businesses	
1330-1400		43/Fir	Traffic
# of Citations Issued: <u>0</u>		Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>1</u>	
Total hours worked this date: <u>1.5</u>		Vehicle number: <u>946</u>	
		Total mileage for this shift: <u>5</u>	

Deputy Reporting Funk n902173

Supervisor Approving [Signature]



Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Funk
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet
 Date Worked 05-13-2025
 Start of Shift: 1200 End of Shift: 1400

Type codes: REF - referred by City Offices
 HBO - handled by officer
 O - other

BUS - business / area check
 UTL - unable to locate

SEL - selective enforcement
 GOA - gone on arrival

F/U - follow-up
 F/I - field interview

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
1200-1245		43/Apple	Traffic
1245-1300		Town check	
1300-1315		One Way Rds	School traffic
1320		Ball Park	
		City Park	
		Community Church	
1330-1400		43/Fir	Traffic

# of Citations Issued: <u>0</u>	Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>0</u>
Total hours worked this date: <u>2</u>	Vehicle number: <u>946</u>
	Total mileage for this shift: <u>10</u>

Deputy Reporting Funk

Supervisor Approving [Signature]



Lancaster County Sheriff's Office



Report of Contract Deputy Funk
 Activity for the Village / Town / City of Bennet
 Date Worked 05-08-2025
 Start of Shift: 1115 End of Shift: 1345

Type codes: REF – referred by City Offices
 HBO – handled by officer
 O – other

BUS – business / area check
 UTL – unable to locate

SEL – selective enforcement
 GOA – gone on arrival

F/U – follow-up
 F/I – field interview

Time (s)	Type	Location	Remarks
1115-1230		Town Check	Bike patrol
		-New construction	""
		-Storage unit checks	""
		-Elementary school	Walk through building
		-City Park	""
		-Hackberry St neighborhood	""
		-Apple street neighborhood	""
1230		Bean Box	
1300-1345		43/Apple	Traffic

# of Citations Issued: _____	Warning / Defect Citations Issued: <u>1</u>
Total hours worked this date: <u>2.5</u>	Vehicle number: <u>946</u>
	Total mileage for this shift: <u>2</u>

Deputy Reporting Funk

Supervisor Approving 



To: City of Bennet Clerk and City Council

New information

Olsson Action Item

City Action Item

Re: June 2025 City Engineering Report

Transportation Safety Action Plan

- **Olsson has resumed work on this. Next task force meeting will likely be late June or before the July board meeting.**
- Upcoming grant deadlines:
 - State of NE TAP Funds: March 2026.
 - State of NE ASIP Funds: March 2026.
 - Safe Streets for All: June 2026.

Street Maintenance Plan

- Crack sealing: Complete.
- Asphalt emulsion seal coating: Complete.
 - Recommended every 3-5 years.
 - Benefits: Slows down oxidation and oil content loss, protects from petroleum damage.
 - Pavement Ages
 - Bennet Ridge (2007)
 - Apple Street (2019)
 - Rest (2017-2019?)
 - Madison, Garden, and Hackberry (2022) will be due in 2 years.

Street Improvements Plan

- Approximately \$80,000/year in the budget for street improvements/maintenance.
 - Recommend \$100,000 of street improvements for 2025 (\$20K carryover).
- Improvements recommended:
 - Streets
 - West side of highway now that school construction is complete. (\$30,000)
 - Address major potholing areas.
 - Jefferson, from Cottonwood to Elm.
 - Madison, from Elm to Fir.
 - Drainage
 - Ditch/driveway on east side of 385 Tyler Street. Gravel washes into street and resident drives. Discussed with owners of 370 Tyler at Street Improvements open house in 2021. See attached exhibit (\$4,000)
 - Culvert at 480 Cottonwood Street, to eliminate the low point in the ditch (\$8,000)
 - Area inlet at SE corner of Garden & Van Buren (\$15,000)
 - 3-4' of rock along north side of park with posts and cable (\$8,000)
 - Ditch flowline cleanout at NW corner of park. (\$3,000)
 - Olsson survey/engineering/bidding/construction services (\$15,000)
 - **Design is in progress.**

Water Main Extension Project

- Seeding/restoration has been completed.
 - **Olsson to monitor vegetation and areas that may need reseeded in the fall.**

SCADA System Upgrades

- **Work is complete with final troubleshooting in process.**

Water Supply Analysis

- **Olsson to send email to RWD showing year over year usage to show that the measures implemented are working. *Notify them that a SCADA system has been installed.***
- Water usage statistics:
 - Monthly Max: 5,400,000 gal.
 - Daily Max: 180,000 gal. (or 216,000 gal. at 150 gpm)
 - May Water Usage
 - Monthly: 3,579,000 gal. (66% of capacity)
 - Ave. Daily: 115,000 gal. (66% of capacity)
 - Max. Daily: 173,000 gal. (96% of capacity)
 - 18 users over 20,000 gal. Highest was 115,000, then 76,000, then 57,000
 - This is much higher for May than in year's past.
 - 2024 Year over year summary: Monthly usage was similar, max. daily usages were lower in 2024. Four new lawns were added as well. I would consider the water management/monitoring the city is doing to be a big success so far and will share the results with the RWD. 2023 usage numbers are below:
- RWD met with village board on February 12th.
 - RWD has no short term plans for expansion of capacity. Long term plans include development of a new well.
 - Recommended irrigation restrictions to manage daily flows.
 - Ordinance on the agenda to raise fees for users above 20,000 gal/month.
 - ***Tabled at the May/June meetings. City to revisit in 2025.***
- RWD met with planning commission on April 17th
 - Stated that RWD has no ability to provide more water to the village. Recommended the village explore a well near Pella Road.
 - ***Olsson to inquire about potential locations and put together a preliminary cost estimate for well exploration and installation and water mains from Pella Road to Bennet.***

Sewer Improvements/Rates

- Asbestos sewer lining/replacement.
 - Phase I lining work is complete. Pre- and post-lining videos have now been received.
 - ***Olsson to review videos.***
 - Phase II lining and manhole rehab is complete.
 - ***Olsson to review videos.***
- Olsson is keeping track of improvements completed on a sewer map.
- Sewer Cleaning: 39,800 LF of sewer mains to be cleaned on a rotating schedule.
 - ***City to get pricing and determine schedule.***
- Lagoon Cleaning
 - ***Olsson to review frequency of cleaning that is necessary.***

Miscellaneous

- ***4th of July Parade: Olsson to coordinate with Lancaster Co. Sherrif and EMD and Gage 911.***
- ***Olsson to provide recommendation on additional speed bumps on Garden and Hackberry.***
 - ***Discuss at June council meeting.***
- ***Olsson to provide recommendation on stop sign at Prairie Clover & Switchgrass intersection.***
 - ***Recommending educational flyer to start. Discuss at June council meeting.***
- Street lights installed by NE City Utilities along Cottonwood and Tyler to fill in the gaps.
- Highway allocation is \$98 per capita, below the average of \$169 per capita.
 - Look into lane mile equation to see if widening makes sense.
 - ***Olsson received info from state. Will run financial analysis.***

- Gravel road washouts:
 - 2 washouts on Cottonwood/Bennet. County to repair.
 - **Repairs have not been performed. Olsson to follow up.**
 - Small washout above Tyler St. box culvert. Monitor. No action at this time.
- Street Shop: Project on hold due to potential of acquiring an existing building.
- Water Tower Park: No action until further notice.

Development Reviews

- Cochrane Corner:
 - Updated construction documents have been submitted and are under review.
 - Grading work has started.
 - Security deposit/escrow needs paid.
- 420 Garden Street: Striping and signage have been installed.
 - Striping was incorrect and is going to be redone.
 - Coffee shop still needs striping and signage. **City to notify owner.**
- **Olsson to provide punchlist of items to be resolved before escrow is released, such as storm sewer cleaning, ditch grading and seeding, low spots in pavement, etc.**

Trails

- NDOT reached out to Olsson to discuss options to make pedestrian crossing at Dogwood Street safer across the highway. Olsson has followed up but not received a response. **Will continue to follow up.**
- Potential Funding Sources:
 - State Funding
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - Transportation Alternatives: General trail projects.
 - Safe Routes to School: School related trail projects.
 - This used to be a stand-alone program, but is now included as an eligible project type within TAP.
 - Recreational Trails Program: Recreational trail projects
 - This is different than the RTP through NE Game & Parks.
 - Funding window is currently closed. May be 2-5 years before a new funding notice is issued.
 - Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
 - Administered through NE Game & Parks, separate from TAP.
 - Federal Funding
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably (RAISE)

Tyler & Cottonwood Street Paving (info from 2021)

- Project Cost: \$1,250,000
 - \$95,000/year for 15 year bond at 1.75%
 - \$105,000/year for 15 year bond at 3.00%
- Current Levy Rates
 - Bennet: 0.304020
 - Adams: 0.475267
 - Hickman: 0.430992
 - Springfield: 0.500000
- Current village valuation: \$87.5 million
 - Project would require additional 0.11 village levy.
- Projected village valuation: \$103.1 million

- After Evergreen Place, Cedar Brook, and Cochrane Corner.
 - Project would require additional 0.09 village levy.
- Cost of waiting:
 - Interest rate risk.
 - Material price increases.
- Benefit of waiting:
 - Potential infrastructure bill funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your community as the City Engineer.

Sincerely,



Brian Schuele, PE

City of Bennet Maintenance Report

June 5, 2025

Water

- Performed our monthly water test and took them to the Lincoln lab. They came back good.
- Read all water meters in the city, had 1 shut offs.
- Flushed 6 hydrants on the east side of the highway
- We have had many locates still coming in with the weather being nicer.
- Automatic Systems are pretty much complete. We will be going over the punch list in the next few weeks.
- Waiting for special socket to change out 2 of the higher water users at the splash pad.
- Worked on getting all the paperwork ready for the Sanitary Survey this month.
- Pumped 3,579,000 Million Gallons The daily max was 173,000 and the low was 69,000. The monthly Average was 115,000.
- Had one water tap this month at 1140 evergreen.

Needs:

- I need to make time to investigate how exactly to get rid of the birds on the water tower and see how to get that done.
- See about getting more rock/gravel/topsoil to have on hand for backfilling possible water leaks.

Wastewater Treatment Plant/ Sewer

- Completed monthly effluent testing and delivered to the lab in Omaha. We had no issues with the sample taken in May
- We have been having issues with the lift station pump 1. The starter went out. I talked with electric pump and they are coming out Friday June 6th to replace both starters.
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- Treated 1.762 million Gallons with a daily high of 68,000 and a low of 54,000.
- We are still Under 50 Percent of the plant's max capacity of 150,000 gallons of daily flow.
- We got the new safety shower in. We will get that install this coming month.
- Worked on NPDES Permit for the treatment plant. It gets done every 5 years.

Needs:

- The whole town is in need to be sewer jetted to help with the constant sewer backups and to help cover the city from liability.
- Need to order seal kits to be able to repair air valves and to have a few on hand for when they go bad. (\$250 each)
- Get pricing on rock for the sewer plant road.
- Look into getting on a maintenance plan to start cleaning out sewer manholes to help keep the debris down to help prevent plugged mains.

Streets

- NCU has finished installing the new street lights in Evergreen Place

- Called in a few street lights to NCU that were burnt out.
- We picked up 5 tons of asphalt cold mix and went around and filled in pot holes around town. We also did a big section of Jefferson between the water tower and Cottonwood.

Needs:

- Look into replacing 99 GMC for a ½ ton used pickup

General

Needs:

- Nothing new at this time

Dump

- Loaded metal into metal bins.
- Pushed up brush pile
- Fixed compactor

Needs:

- Get prices for rock around brush pile

Parks and Ballfields

City Park:

- Hired Ian Peterson to take over the mowing(He has done a wonderful Job)
- Been staying on top of mowing and weed eating
- Picked up tree limbs
- Got splashpad up and going, Installed new riser for the button that turns it on. Waiting on parts to be able to take out the high water users to replace them with ones that only use 2 gallons per minute
- Installed shade covers for the splashpad

Needs:

- Should add some dirt/sand to dips and do fertilizing and seeding of the lawn, lot of dead spots and dips for people to trip over. (early spring)
- See why the hot water heater is not working again.

Whispering Pines:

- Been staying on top of mowing and weed eating

Needs:

- Need to have mulch added to tree bases and entrance garden and around bridge gardens.

T-Ball Field:

- Stayed on top of mowing and weedeating

Needs:

- Mulch needs to be added around bleachers, trees, and landscaping.

South Ballfield:

- Have stayed on top mowing and weedeating. We are mowing the outfield on Tuesdays and Fridays while baseball season is going on.

Needs:

- Mulch added around trees.
- The crow's nest and concession stand remodel needs to be finished.
- Should have the dugout benches and back stop painted.

Zach Fergus

Utilities Superintendent

City of Bennet