City of Bennington
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 14, 2025; 6:00 P.M.
City Office, 15505 Warehouse Street
Bennington, NE
402-238-2375

Call to Order - Roll Call – Open Meetings Act

Mayor Clint Adams called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025. In attendance were City Council Members Kaye Bridgeford, Rob Hamilton, Adam Lee and Shane Pekny. City Clerk Mindi Laaker identified the Open Meetings Act location that is available to the public.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. March 10, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
B. March 2025 Bills Paid
C. Keno Receipts: March 8.75%: $10,592.00
D. JEO Consulting Invoices for:
    i. General Engineering Invoice No. 159365 for $9,220.00
    ii. Neumeyer Farm Invoice No. 159363, 159364 and 159376 totaling $6,545.00
    iii. Public Works Building Invoice No. 159209 for $9,197.64
E. Dark Sky Week Proclamation April 21-28, 2025
F. Arbor Day Proclamation April 25, 2025

BILLS PAID IN FEBRUARY	
CITY	
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO	105.42
BERGANKDV, LLC	2,250.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	850.36
L.C. SERVICES	35.00
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	130.68
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	162.56
RATINA CRAWFORD	1,157.91
MINDI LAAKER	981.23
NATIONWIDE	2,322.83
NATIONWIDE	4,435.43
INTUIT	662.00
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	106.32
MUD	52.95
OFFICE DEPOT, INC	18.99
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	120.00
I3 BANK HSA	157.50
IRS	8,528.14
RATINA CRAWFORD	1,139.36

MINDI LAAKER	981.22
I3 BANK BOND PAYMENT	153,207.50
NATIONWIDE	2,279.55
NATIONWIDE	4,392.11
I3 BANK HSA	157.50
CREATIVE PLANNING	240.00
THE DAILY RECORD	32.00
FILTER SHOP	9.55
JEO CONSULTING, INC	23,821.25
OPPD	300.96
WM COPRORATE SERVICES, INC	62.50
I3 BANK HSA	157.50
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	25.72
THE DAILY RECORD	240.50
TAX PAYMENT	8,172.53
I3 BANK HSA	157.50
CITY TOTAL	**217,454.57**
SEWER	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	42.21
PEOPLE SERVICE	1,430.00
SEWER TOTAL	**1,472.21**
LIBRARY	
MRS. NATALIE HARTLEY	31.91
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	4,685.19
INGRAM	267.10
JESSICA ROSE DESILVA	341.00
L.C. SERVICES	92.00
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	175.23
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	263.44
NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION	1,212.75
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB	1,836.88
LYNN BARNA	50.43
JOHNNA BIERMAN	1,346.52
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,538.84
NATALIE HARTLEY	710.83
HEATHER LUTH	1,202.29
LYDIA PILE	225.84

TARYN STERN	192.06
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	134.66
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM	762.72
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	136.13
DEMCO	210.05
MUD	247.10
JOHNNA BIERMAN	1,349.16
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,538.83
NATALIE HARTLEY	903.61
HEATHER LUTH	1,202.29
LYDIA PILE	302.74
TARYN STERN	198.82
JESSICA ROSE DESILVA	341.00
FILTER SHOP	27.85
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	437.53
INGRAM	374.39
OPPD	138.60
THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM	5.00
WM COPRORATE SERVICES, INC	120.65
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	138.93
LIBRARY TOTAL	**22,742.37**
POLICE	
DAN STOCKER	369.15
2 MEN AND A SHOP	36.19
BEN TYSOR	60.00
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	10,275.38
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	202.21
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	469.93
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	459.15
DEVIN CRINKLAW	175.76
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,614.53
JAYME IVERSEN	1,768.95
DONALD MCGUIRE	263.64
STACIA NELSON	1,925.62
MARK NOONAN	124.34
JONATHAN STARKE	2,257.11
DANIEL STOCKER	2,042.10
FORENSIC EDUCATION	450.00

ALL CREATURES VETERINARY CLINIC	33.00
BENNINGTON AUTO SALE	110.02
GALLS INC	127.06
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	123.99
MUD	150.00
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,614.55
JAYME IVERSEN	1,585.49
DONALD MCGUIRE	175.76
STACIA NELSON	1,742.17
PAUL SMOOT	194.70
JONATHAN STARKE	2,081.09
DANIEL STOCKER	2,042.08
ABIGAIL WARREN	32.30
DAN STOCKER	63.53
ANDREW HILSCHER	39.60
CUBBY'S	1,722.94
FILTER SHOP	8.96
GALLS, INC	55.90
IDEAL PURE WATER	3.49
OPPD	354.18
WM COPRORATE SERVICES, INC	56.50
AT&T MOBILITY	346.94
OFFICE DEPOT	82.58
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	59.05
HOLIDAY INN	330.00
POLICE TOTAL	**37,629.94**
PARKS	
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	916.83
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	46.39
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	374.70
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	239.81
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	50.05
JOHN BOHRER	994.05
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,583.05
JACOB CONLEY	2,347.21
ZACHARY RAUSCHER	157.84
NATHAN STIER	297.63
CUBBY'S	131.61

MENARDS - ELKHORN	16.46
MUD	368.13
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	6,999.12
JOHN BOHRER	994.04
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,583.03
JACOB CONLEY	2,347.21
ZACHARY RAUSCHER	183.06
NATHAN STIER	311.87
JACOB CONLEY	30.44
ELKHORN FENCE CO.	3,590.00
OPPD	533.67
WM COPRORATE SERVICES, INC	444.54
BLADEMASTERS	84,667.57
AMAZON	514.79
AMAZON	200.50
AT&T MOBILITY	23.11
PARKS TOTAL	**109,946.71**
STREETS	
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	916.82
CITY OF OMAHA CASHIER	851.00
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	46.40
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	374.71
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	50.05
NEBRASKA DEPOARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	3,298.40
HARSIN BUILT CONSTRUCTION	8,720.00
CUBBY'S	131.61
MENARDS - ELKHORN	16.45
MUD	171.78
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	2,333.07
JACOB CONLEY	30.44
DOUGLAS COUNTY TREASURER	3,781.01
JEO CONSULTING, INC	17,125.00
OPPD	5,631.81
AMAZON	514.78
AMAZON	200.51
AT&T MOBILITY	23.12
STREETS TOTAL	**44,216.96**

CITY	**217,454.57**
SEWER	**1,472.21**
LIBRARY	**22,742.37**
POLICE	**37,629.94**
PARKS	**109,946.71**
STREETS	**44,216.96**
TOTAL OF ALL BILLS	**433,462.76**

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve the Consent Agenda. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Audit Report – Tim Lens, Creative Planning

City Accountant Tim Lens presented the 2023-2024 Audit Report and September 30, 2024 Financial Statements. The audit report is on file in the City Office.

Consideration of a Church in a Downtown Commercial (C-3) Zoning District located at 15416 South Second Street

City Engineer Julie Ogden presented the application that includes worship, youth activities, rehearsals, bible study and worship teams. Calculated on-street parking requirements are suitable.

The applicant Jeff Ryan addressed the Council on the Church's history in the community.

Adams opened a public hearing and concerns were raised regarding taxes and parking.

The Mayor and Council discussed concerns for impacts on parking, on existing businesses in the downtown area, and on the continued development of the downtown area for additional and future businesses.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Hamilton to approve the Conditional Use Permit as presented subject to compliance with the City Engineer's letter requirements. Roll call vote: Bridgeford – no, Hamilton – yes, Lee – no, Pekny – yes, Adams - no. Motion denied.

Metronet Fiber Internet Service Presentation

Metronet Representatives Greg Sorgenfrei and Brian James explained the fiber internet service and their interest in installation in the City of Bennington.

Street Closure and Event Application

Bennington Daze, Saturday June 7 from 6 a.m. to Sunday June 8 at 1 a.m. Nicki Byars Discussed street closings for:

Bennington Road from 168th east to 156th Streets, 156th and Warehouse Street east through Molley and Stark to Allen Streets for the Parade and

South Second and Molley Streets east to Stark Street for the Beer Garden and Street Dance.

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to approve the closures as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Application for Chickens located at 12307 N. 161 St. – Evan Johnson
Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve the application as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Public Works Building
City Engineer Julie Ogden reviewed bids received and Architects Recommendation of Award.

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to Award and Authorize Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to Darland Construction Company totaling $1,731,875.00. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ogden also reviewed Amendment No. 1 to the Architectural Contract to add Construction Phase Services for the building totaling $92,400.00.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve Amendment No. 1. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Street Patching Project
Public Works Manager Jake Conley reviewed bids received and Recommendation of Award.

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to award the bid to Armodous, LLC for street patching totaling $57,912.00. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Neumeyer Farm Park
City Engineer Julie Ogden explained that a meeting was recently held to discuss the Phase II: US HUD Community Project Funding Grant and the park's layout.

Splash Pad equipment is being priced through Sourcewell, a cooperative purchasing agency.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve JEO Invoice No. 160107 totaling $4,000.00. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bennington Public School Agreement for a 3-Year School Resource Office Program
Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to approve the agreement as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Discussion of Current Future Land Use Map
City Engineer Julie Ogden discussed areas for possible designation for commercial uses in the City's Future Land Use Map.

Library, Police, Public Works, Office and Project Tracker Reports
All monthly reports are on file in the City Office.

Office Report
Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve the closure of the 156th Street Insured Cash Sweep (ICS) Account transferring $101,407.07 into the General Fund Checking Account. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The 2025/2026 Budget Meetings and Milestone Dates are available.

Executive Session for Personnel and Strategy Discussions with City Attorney regarding Contract Negotiations
Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to go into Executive Session for Personnel and strategy discussions with City Attorney regarding Contract Negotiations at 7:48 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Hamilton to come out of Executive Session for Personnel and strategy discussions with City Attorney regarding Contract Negotiations at 8:15 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn
Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.