City of Bennington
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 25, 2026; 6:00 P.M.
City Office, 15505 Warehouse St.
Bennington, NE
402-238-2375

Call to Order – Open Meeting Act – Roll Call

Planning Commission Chair James Bartles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: James Bartles, Karen Hohman, Anita Ortiz, Mike Valasek, Cydell White Jr. and Bob Zaruba. Member Haime Dias was absent. City Clerk Mindi Laaker identified the Open Meetings Act location that is available to the public.

Approval of January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Valasek, second by Zaruba to approve the minutes as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

2026 Prairie Ridge Blight Study and Declaration of the BlightStudy Area within theBennington Corporate Limits as Substandard and Blighted Pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law

City Attorney Jeff Miller, Brent Beller with Fullenkamp, Jobeun, Johnson & Beller and Applicant Ryan Schwarz presented the Blight Study.

Bartles opened a public hearing and there were no comments.

Motion by Bartles, second by Hohman to recommend that the City Council adopt the Blight Study and declare the Study Area to be a substandard and blighted area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Zaruba, second by Hohman to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.