City of Bennington
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 29, 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, Haimes Dias, Mike Valasek, and Bob Zaruba. Members Karen Hohman, Anita Ortiz and Clydell White Jr. were absent. City Clerk Mindi Laaker identified the Open Meetings Act location that is available to the public.

Approval of May 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Zaruba, second by Valasek to approve the minutes as presented. With Dias abstaining, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Consideration of an Amendment to a Conditional Use Permit for a Business-Commercial Flex Facility in a C-1 Highway Commercial Zoning District with lot addressed as: 12602 and 12704 N. 158th Street and located west of 156th Street near Lockbox Storage

City Engineer Julie Ogden, Kyle Haase with E & A Consulting and Property Owner Geoff McGregor presented the amended Conditional Use Permit including a split of the property to two owners.

Bartles opened a public hearing and comments were made regarding traffic flow and emergency vehicle access and the lighting and landscaping plans.

Motion by Dias, second by Zaruba to recommend approval subject to the requirements in the City Engineer's comment letter except the replacement of a parking lot connection with a hammerhead turnaround if it is a viable alternative for traffic flow and emergency vehicle access. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Bartles, second by Dias to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.