City of Bennington
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 13, 2026; 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 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. In attendance were City Council Members Kaye Bridgeford, Rob Hamilton, and Shane Pekny. City Council Member Adam Lee was absent. City Clerk Mindi Laaker identified the Open Meetings Act location that is available to the public.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. September 14, 2026 City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
B. September 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes
C. September 2026 Bills Paid
D. Keno Receipts: September 8.75%: $9,333.55
E. JEO Consulting Invoices:
    i. General Engineering Invoice No. 177138 for $7,350.00
    ii. Neumeyer Park Soccer Complex Invoice No. 175419 (from July) and 177113 totaling $14,532.50
    iii. Asphalt Overlay–Molley, Stark, Allen Invoice No. 176999 for $9,975.00
    vi. Doug Nelson Complex Access Road Invoice No. 177000 for $7,978.05
    v. Downtown Redevelopment Plan Invoice No. 177135 for $525.00

BILLS PAID IN SEPTEMBER	
CITY	
RATINA CRAWFORD	1,496.71
KEVIN HAND	2,484.47
MINDI LAAKER	997.77
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE	3,030.24
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE	4,166.64
WIRE TRANSFER BOND INTEREST PAYMENT	2,345.00
THE DAILY RECORD	354.66
DOUGLAS COUNTY ELECTION COMMISION	100.00
PAPILLION SANITATION	60.00
YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICE	3,172.86
HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	283.84
QB IRS TAXES	11,065.46
WALMART	19.66
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	107.14
THE DAILY RECORD	729.45
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	135.22
JEO CONSULTING	5,080.00

OFFICE DEPOT, INC	22.39
OPPD	364.72
MEDICA HEALTH INSURANCE	3,411.57
EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES	17,227.67
WIRE TRANSFER BOND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	25,000.00
WIRE TRANSFER BOND INTEREST PAYMENT	3,642.50
WIRE TRANSFER BOND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	245,000.00
WIRE TRANSFER BOND INTEREST PAYMENT	5,027.50
WIRE TRANSFER BOND PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	75,000.00
WIRE TRANSFER BOND INTEREST PAYMENT	15,616.25
RATINA CRAWFORD	1,496.70
KEVIN HAND	2,484.47
MINDI LAAKER	997.77
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE	3,119.90
NATIONWIDE INSURANCE	4,256.30
JDUBS	50.00
HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	266.34
INTUIT	517.00
MICROSOFT YEARLY	506.40
HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	241.34
BERGAN KDV	8,400.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	322.42
U.S. BANK - HELMETS	471.85
QB IRS TAXES	11,179.95
WM CORPORATE	71.18
AT&T MOBILITY	47.95
BENNINGTON SUBURBAN FIRE DISTRICT #7	65,528.25
THE DAILY RECORD	53.56
MUD	55.35
STARDARD HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING	329.70
HSA CONTRIBUTIONS	266.34
CITY TOTAL	**526,604.49**
SEWER	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	122.14
JEO CONSULTING	960.00
PEOPLE SERVICE	1570.00
SEWER TOTAL	**2,652.14**

LIBRARY	
JOHNNA BIERMAN	1,455.36
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,671.62
NATALIE HARTLEY	1,149.43
NORA HUBER	561.26
HEATHER LUTH	1,173.76
LYDIA PILE	762.84
TARYN STERN	793.60
FONTENELLE FOREST	300.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	220.15
PAPILLION SANITATION	100.00
BENNINGTON WOMENS CLUB	30.00
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB	744.17
A UNITED AUTOMATIC	474.15
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	48.93
OFFICE DEPOT, INC	120.65
OPPD	359.65
PENWORTHY	1,204.91
MEDICA HEALTH INSURANCE	4,201.97
JOHNNA BIERMAN	1,551.41
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,671.61
NATALIE HARTLEY	884.65
NORA HUBER	586.91
HEATHER LUTH	1,173.75
LYDIA PILE	535.79
TARYN STERN	690.52
U.S. BANK	8,921.91
FARONICS TECHNOLOGIES	1,238.76
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL	235.74
KCC SOURDOUGH BAKERY & KITCHEN	975.00
OVERDRIVE, INC	2,000.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	219.04
ROBERT ROSENQUIST	1,600.00
THE TEA SMITH	150.00
BIBLIOTHECA	10,711.00
CITY WIDE FACILITY SOLUTIONS	825.00
MUD	313.65
NEBRASK ALIBRARY COMMISSION	190.76
PENWORTHY	2,231.62

PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS, LLC.	3,280.55
STARDARD HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING	1,274.70
U.S. BANK	5,777.69
LIBRARY TOTAL	**62,412.51**
POLICE	
DEVIN CRINKLAW	664.92
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,859.78
JAYME IVERSEN	1,754.02
NICOLE MARTIN	693.48
DONALD MCGUIRE	302.11
STACIA NELSON	1,921.02
DILLON SIMON	1,996.78
PAUL SMOOT	144.17
JONATHAN STARKE	1,967.26
DANIEL STOCKER	2,303.98
ERIC WHITE	258.68
PAPILLION SANITATION	30.00
BENNINGTON AUTO SALE	193.62
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	203.01
CUBBY'S	2,499.76
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	7.49
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	495.47
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	150.00
OPPD	348.97
REDROCK RANGE LLC	600.00
RIVALRY	38.70
DEVIN CRINKLAW	1,096.59
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,859.77
JAYME IVERSEN	1,937.10
NICOLE MARTIN	735.88
STACIA NELSON	2,115.80
ANTHONY RAEMAKER	241.69
DILLON SIMON	2,182.25
PAUL SMOOT	733.34
JONATHAN STARKE	2,139.16
DANIEL STOCKER	2,303.97
GRAINGER	106.02
MEDICA HEALTH INSURANCE	9,886.19

SCHEELS	254.99
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	509.06
DILLON SIMON	39.04
AT&T MOBILITY	417.45
GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICE	68.82
MUD	143.00
STARDARD HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING	329.70
NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	105.00
POLICE TOTAL	**47,638.04**
PARKS	
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,688.33
TYLER FORTIN	1,121.52
HUNTER HERMSEN	1,176.92
LAYNE LAAKER	1,734.36
ZACH RAUSCHER	482.75
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	7.76
PAPILLION SANITATION	505.00
PORT A JOHNS	125.00
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	1,542.88
CUBBY'S	438.76
JEO CONSULTING	11,135.00
MENARDS	39.98
OPPD	601.58
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,688.33
TYLER FORTIN	1,060.71
HUNTER HERMSEN	1,007.11
LAYNE LAAKER	1,734.35
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION	22.90
MEDICA HEALTH INSURANCE	806.65
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	179.24
AT&T MOBILITY	23.97
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	46.39
LANG DIESEL, INC.	1,601.28
MUD	4,314.44
STARDARD HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING	168.00
PARKS TOTAL	**33,253.21**
STREETS	

PAPILLION SANITATION	55.00
PORT A JOHNS	125.00
CUBBY'S	438.77
ENV DUST CONTROL OF THE MIDWEST	6,239.74
JEO CONSULTING	6,958.00
OPPD	6,097.66
TY CONSTRUCTION	55,587.00
ME COLLINS CONSTRUCTION	15,979.25
THIELE GEOTECH, INC	552.50
MEDICA HEALTH INSURANCE	806.65
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	37.46
AT&T MOBILITY	23.98
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	46.40
H&R CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	6,895.00
MUD	111.30
STARDARD HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING	168.00
THIELE GEOTECH, INC	3,370.00
ENV. DUST CONTROL OF THE MIDWEST, INC.	12,563.35
STREETS TOTAL	**116,055.06**
CITY	**526,604.49**
SEWER	**2,652.14**
LIBRARY	**62,412.51**
POLICE	**47,638.04**
PARKS	**33,253.21**
STREETS	**116,055.06**
TOTAL OF ALL BILLS	**$ 788,615.45**

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

Proposed 2026 Bennington Downtown Redevelopment Plan Pursuant to the Nebraska Community Development Law by the City of Bennington for the Downtown Area of the City of Bennington

City Engineer Julie Ogden and City Attorney Jeff Miller presented the Plan which provides general goals and objectives for redevelopment and improvement projects in the downtown area, and is consistent with the Comprehensive Development Plan.

Adams opened a public hearing and comments were made regarding the historical buildings in Bennington's downtown area and the importance of maintaining their historical significance in the redevelopment process.

Resolution No. 2026-14 Approving the 2026 Bennington Downtown Redevelopment Plan

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve the Plan based on compliance with the Community Development Act and conformity with the general plan for the development of the City.

Ordinance No. 550 Salary and Benefits Update

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Hamilton to introduce and waive three readings of Ordinance No. 550 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BENNINGTON, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, RELATING TO AND AMENDING THE SALARIES AND INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BENNINGTON. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 550. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 551 Amending the City of Bennington Zoning Map from a TA Transitional Agriculture Zoning District to a C-4 Flex Business Zoning District for the Land consisting of Douglas County Parcel Number 012145004 located at 16205 Pawnee Road in the Northwest Quarter of S10, T16N, R11 East of the 6th P.M., Douglas County

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to table Ordinance No. 551. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 552 Amending the City of Bennington Zoning Regulations regarding Definitions of Micro Brewery, Distillery, Micro Distillery, and Tasting Room; Permitted Uses and Conditional Uses and Micro Brewery and Micro Distillery in the C-4 Flex Business Zoning District; and Performance Standards for the Business -Commercial Flex Use

City Engineer Julie Ogden presented the text amendments including “Distillery, Micro” as a conditional use in the C-4 Zoning District.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to introduce and waive three readings of Ordinance No. 552 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BENNINGTON’S ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING DEFINITIONS OF MICRO BREWERY, DISTILLERY, MICO DISTILLERY AND TASTING ROOM; PERMITTED USES AND CONDITIONAL USES AND MICRO BREWERY AND MICRO DISTILLERY IN THE C-4 FLEX BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT; AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE BUSINESS-COMMERCIAL FLEX USE. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 552. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 553 Amending Section 6-212 of the City of Bennington’s Municipal Code regarding Sanitary Sewer Connection Fees

City Engineer Julie Ogden presented the City of Omaha rate updates.

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 553 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-212 OF THE CITY OF BENNINGTON'S MUNICIPAL CODE AS ENACTED IN CITY OF BENNINGTON ORDINANCE NO. 527 REGARDING SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION FEES. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 554 Amending Section 6-202 of the City of Bennington Municipal Code regarding Sanitary Sewer Use Rates and Collections
City Engineer Julie Ogden presented the information on sewer revenues and expenses and rate increases.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 554 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-202 OF THE CITY OF BENNINGTON'S MUNICIPAL CODE AS ENACTED IN CITY OF BENNINGTON ORDINANCE NO. 546 REGARDING SANITARY SEWER USE RATES AND COLLECTIONS. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Asphalt Overlay
City Engineer Julie Ogden presented plans for seven separate bids.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Hamilton authorizing Council approval to proceed with the project bidding.

2026 Sewer CIPP Lining Project
Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve Municipal Pipe Tool Co. Pay Application #3 totaling $49,680.44. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2026-15 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to approve Resolution No. 2026-15 for a 50% match playground grant for Neumeyer Farm Park. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Neumeyer Farm Park – Phase 2
City Engineer Julie Ogden presented the electrical service needs for Phase 2 irrigation. Performance and payment bonds are due prior to project start.

Pheasants Forever
Public Works Derek Brechbill presented a 5.5 acres Pheasants Forever Habitat Partnership to be located in Logemann Park near Douglas County's wetlands. Uses for the habitat include education, recreation, and nesting.

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

Executive Session for Discussions with City Attorney regarding Real Estate and Litigation

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to go into Executive Session for discussions with City Attorney regarding Real Estate and Litigation at 7:03 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Hamilton to come out of Executive Session for discussions with City Attorney regarding Real Estate and Litigation at 7:30 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.