

City of Bennington
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2020; 6:30 p.m.
City Office, 15505 Warehouse Street
Bennington, NE
402-238-2375

Call to Order - Roll Call – Open Meetings Act

Mayor Matt John called the regular monthly meeting to order on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were City Council members Kaye Bridgeford, Zac Johns and Shane Pekny. Council Member Jody Stier was absent. Mindi Laaker identified the Open Meetings Act location that is available to the public.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. November 9, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. November 2020 Bills Paid
- C. Keno Receipts: November 8.75%: \$7213.00

BILLS PAID IN NOVEMBER
CITY

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	1,051.93
J DUBS HANGOUT	25.00
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	112.80
ISOLVED BENEFIT SERVICES	140.00
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	3,736.02
EDWARD JONES	1,404.68
MINDI LAAKER	1,405.76
JENNIFER RAUSCHER	485.00
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	90.62
PRESTO-X	10.50
TOWN WEB	1,383.00
YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES	3,614.15

JEO CONSULTING, INC.	5,243.75
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	129.70
ALL MAKES	19.30
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	75.60
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GROUP	100.00
OPPD	346.72
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	1,291.97
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	233.60
MINDI LAAKER	300.00
EDWARD JONES	1,394.94
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	3,908.74
MINDI LAAKER	1,405.76
JENNIFER RAUSCHER	736.82
ALL MAKES	36.04
DOUGLAS COUNTY POST GAZETTE	241.11
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	39.81
MINDI LAAKER	118.00
CITY TOTAL	29,081.32
<u>SEWER</u>	
ONE CALL CONCEPTS	79.96
PEOPLE SERVICE	1,210.00
SEWER TOTAL	1,289.96
<u>LIBRARY</u>	

AMAZON CREDIT PLAN	346.48
THE DURHAM MUSEUM	150.00
SAM'S CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	282.41
LYNN BARNA	338.17
DALENE CLARK	201.19
HEIDI A CURZON	560.20
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,229.35
JOANNE MANCUSO	464.55
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	8.19
PRESTO-X	21.00
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	120.00
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB	139.28
INGRAM	503.31
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	4.90
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	113.14
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	180.00
DEMCO	170.29
OPPD	138.60
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	1,256.34
LISA FLAXBEARD	300.00
LYNN BARNA	251.37
DALENE CLARK	177.96
HEIDI A CURZON	645.32

LISA FLAXBEARD	1,229.36
JOANNE MANCUSO	311.50
AMAZON CREDIT PLAN	405.80
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	39.81
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	120.00
LIBRARY TOTAL	9,708.52
<u>POLICE</u>	
ANDREW HILSCHER	235.79
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	151.69
VERIZON	243.44
SHEA DEGAN	89.90
TRAVIS HERBOLSHEIMER	1,384.22
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,055.12
DONALD MCGUIRE	220.26
DANIEL STOCKER	1,542.31
MARK SUNDERMEIER	154.07
TREVOR THRASHER	71.92
TRAVIS HERBOLSHEIMER	341.53
DANIEL STOCKER	262.39
FORCE SCIENCE INSTITUTE	495.00
TRAVIS HERBOLSHEIMER	20.11
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	33.50
PRESTO-X	37.00

GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS LLC.	99.50
MUD	126.00
ACCREDITED SECURITY	2,396.00
CUBBY'S	364.35
CHIEF TIM LARDINO, PCAN TREASURER	30.00
MENDARDS - ELKHORN	299.00
OPPD	289.91
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	4,317.76
ANDREW HILSCHER	300.00
JOSHUA DAMME	401.24
SHEA DEGAN	89.91
TRAVIS HERBOLSHEIMER	1,327.64
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,055.12
DONALD MCGUIRE	179.80
DANIEL STOCKER	1,664.12
MARK SUNDERMEIER	89.91
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	310.49
ANDREW HILSCHER	319.50
POLICE TOTAL	21,998.50
<u>PARKS</u>	
VERIZON	20.53
JOHN BOHRER	949.87
JOSEPH GRIER	708.65

NATHAN JOHNSON	725.28
JOHN BOHRER	40.04
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	5.50
PRESTO-X	5.25
MENDARDS	258.99
OFFICE DEPOT	34.99
CUBBY'S	64.40
FORESTRY SUPPLIERS, INC.	114.03
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	172.35
MENDARDS - ELKHORN	48.40
OPPD	438.98
ROB'S OIL COMPANY INC.	215.30
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	739.69
JOHN BOHRER	300.00
JOHN BOHRER	990.11
JOSEPH GRIER	841.00
NATHAN JOHNSON	868.79
NEBRASKA ARBORISTS ASSOCIATION	145.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	39.81
PORT A JOHNS INC.	100.00
MUD	1,919.34
PARKS TOTAL	9,746.30

STREETS

VERIZON	20.53
JOHN BOHRER	40.05
CULLIGAN OF OMAHA	5.50
PRESTO-X	5.25
YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES	864.20
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	778,965.56
DJL PROPERTIES, LLC.	2,740.00
JEO CONSULTING, INC.	7,381.25
MENDARDS	172.65
BARGEN INCORPORATED	30,335.85
CUBBY'S	69.78
KNUDSEN OIL & FEED	172.35
MENDARDS - ELKHORN	48.40
OPPD	4,788.20
ROB'S OIL COMPANY, INC.	215.30
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	739.69
MUD	1,919.34
STREETS TOTAL	828,483.90
 TOTAL OF ALL BILLS	 900,308.50

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

Police Award

Part-time Police Officer Don McGuire was presented a life-saving award by Mayor John and Police Chief Hilscher.

Out-Going Mayor Report

Mayor Matt John thanked City employees and individuals helping him make advancements in sports field contracts, tax base expansions and cuts, Fire and Police Department improvements, and moving the 156th Street Project forward.

Presentation to Mayor Matt John

Council Member Zac Johns thanked Mayor John for eight years of service to the City of Bennington presenting with certificates and a gift.

Adjourn

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Johns to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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Election Results

City Clerk Laaker reported the Official Results from the Douglas County Election Commission for the November 3, 2020 General Election for City Mayor and Council Wards 1 and 2 members.

Oath of Office by City Attorney Jeff Miller for Newly Elected Mayor Zac Johns and Council Members Clint Adams and Joshua Dowding

Election of City Council President

Motion by Pekny, second by Johns to nominate Bridgeford as Council President. Roll call vote: Adams – yes, Dowding – yes, Pekny – yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Appointments

A. Street Superintendent, Julie Ogden	JEO Consulting Group
B. City Engineer	JEO Consulting Group
C. City Attorney	Young and White Law Office
D. City Clerk/Treasurer	Mindi Laaker
E. Chief of Police	Drew Hilscher
F. Health & Safety Commissioners	Adams and Bridgeford
G. Street & Park Commissioners	Dowding and Pekny
H. Newspaper for Publication	Douglas County Post-Gazette
I. City Bank Accounts	Bank of Bennington

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

Cox Communication Omaha, L.L.C. First Amendment to the Franchise Agreement

The amendment is a six-month extension to the existing 20-year cable television agreement.

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

C. W. Hadan Drive Improvements

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve Final Plans with a City engineer cost estimate of \$67,460 and setting a bid letting for January and approval in February.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to approve Invoice No. 120443 to JEO Consulting Group totaling \$2,862.50. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bennington 156th Street Project

Project Schedule Update – the 156th Street and Bennington Road intersection now has three legs open with the north leg to open for the winter season. The intersection will have a 4-way stop installed. Construction will resume in the spring.

Motion by Adams, second by Dowding to approve Invoice No. 120441 to JEO Consulting Group totaling \$4,003.75. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Bennington General Engineering

Motion by Adams, second by Bridgeford to approve Invoice No. 120442 to JEO Consulting Group for \$5,620.00. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Library, Police, Public Works, and Project Tracker Reports

All monthly reports are on file in the City Office.

Library Report

There is a Library Board vacancy. The deadline to apply is December 22, 2020.

Public Works Report

John Bohrer reported that the City of Bennington has been awarded a grant of \$161,488 by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to purchase a wood grinder.

Public Comments – Darrell Logemann addressed the City Council regarding cash rent and farming the Neumeyer and Logemann Park properties owned by the City.

Adjourn

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.