

City of Bennington  
City Council Budget Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 12, 2022; 6:00 p.m.  
City Office, 15505 Warehouse Street  
Bennington, NE  
402-238-2375

Call to Order - Roll Call – Open Meetings Act

Mayor Zac Johns called the budget meeting to order on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were City Council members Clint Adams, Kaye Bridgeford, and Shane Pekny. Josh Dowding was absent. Mindi Laaker identified the Open Meetings Act location that is available to the public.

2022-2023 Budget Hearing, Budget Summary and Tax Request

City Accountant Gene Garrelts presented an overview of the budget. The property tax rate for the fiscal year 2022-2023 will be set at \$0.668 calculated at \$.4440 for the General Fund and \$.224 for the Bond Fund. The 2022-2023 property tax request is set at \$889,497 for the General Fund and \$447,101 for the Bond Fund, for a total of \$1,336,597.

Johns opened a public hearing and there were no comments.

Adjourn

Motion by Johns, second by Bridgeford to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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Immediately Following Budget Public Hearing  
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Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. August 8, 2022 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. August 22, 2022 City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
- C. August 29, 2022 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
- D. August 2022 Bills Paid
- E. Keno Receipts: August 8.75%: \$10,752.35
- F. JEO Consulting Invoices for:
  - i. Warehouse Street Improvements Invoice No. 133314 for 10,083.50
  - ii. General Engineering Invoice No. 134727 for \$4,497.50
  - iii. Tim Ohrt Park Improvements Invoice No. 134728 for \$4,250
  - iv. Public Works Building Prelim Design Invoice No. 134811 for \$1,825

**BILLS PAID IN AUGUST**

**CITY**

NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	1,635.34
MINDI LAAKER	1,468.47
RATINA CRAWFORD	620.42
EDWARD JONES	1,642.58
U.S. DEPT OF TREASURY	5,226.44
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	1,723.17
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	105.42
INSPRO MARSH MCLENNAN AGENCY	2,837.00
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GROUP	100.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC	35.00
MUD	64.65
SIGNEX	291.00
FILTER SHOP	8.44
YOUNG AND WHITE	1,442.30
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	165.53
JEO CONSULTING, INC.	40,691.25
180 CARPET CLEANING LLC	280.80

OPPD	300.90
ALL MAKES	24.97
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	28.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	41.40
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	1,388.71
RATINA CRAWFORD	772.96
MINDI LAAKER	1,468.65
EDWARD JONES	1,874.51
U.S. DEPT OF TREASURY	5,160.44
RELIANCE STANDARD	115.44
L.C. SERVICES	19.00
LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES	7,190.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC	35.00
RATINA CRAWFORD	272.84
MINDI LAAKER	1,541.36
EDWARD JONES	1,882.30
U.S. DEPT OF TREASURY	5,357.24
MUD	64.65
NEBRASKA DEPT OF REVENUE	2,438.46
BANK OF BENNINGTON - BOND	4,250.00
<b>CITY TOTAL</b>	<b>92,564.64</b>

**SEWER**

ONE CALL CONCEPTS	58.08
PEOPLE SERVICES	1,260.00
CITY OF OMAHA CASHIER	25,220.93
<b>SEWER TOTAL</b>	<b>26,539.01</b>

**LIBRARY**

LYNN BARNA	197.40
EMMA BOARDMAN	434.79
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,351.33
NATALIE HARTLEY	257.98
KATHRYN HUMPHREYS	1,188.78
SHAY SNOW	653.50
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC.	72.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	25.67
PRESTO - X	21.00
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	237.50
DESIGN 4	30.00
DEMCO	961.45
SAM'S CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	151.89
MUD	150.85

FILTER SHOP	25.67
LYNN BARNA	25.00
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	180.00
180 CARPET CLEANING LLC	1,586.00
JASON NOCITA	6,016.00
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB	448.96
OPPD	138.60
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	287.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	982.57
NATALIE HARTLEY	1,720.79
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	82.80
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	1,833.49
OMAHA THEATER COMPANY	60.00
LYNN BARNA	212.99
EMMA BOARDMAN	151.24
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,351.50
NATALIE HARTLEY	659.19
KATHRYN HUMPHREYS	1,137.52
SHAY SNOW	689.69
AMAZON CREDIT PLAN	762.50
RELIANCE STANDARD	159.65
OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	500.00
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	72.67
L.C. SERVICES	51.00
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	1,436.00
INGRAM	278.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	104.40
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	225.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC	72.50
LYNN BARNA	197.40
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,455.57
NATALIE HARTLEY	540.43
KATHRYN HUMPHREYS	1,190.57
SHAY SNOW	718.40
INGRAM	82.20
MUD	150.85
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL</b>	<b>31,321.79</b>
<b><u>POLICE</u></b>	
JOSHUA DAMME	1,489.06
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,144.51
GREGORY KELLY	1,231.68
DANIEL STOCKER	1,621.90

ABIGAIL WARREN	183.55
MARK WILKINS	143.84
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC.	30.00
FBI NATIONAL COMMAND COURSE ASSOCIATION	50.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	435.40
PRESTO - X	37.00
CUBBY'S	2,137.63
VERIZON	416.04
BENNINGTON AUTO SALES	114.00
MUD	288.85
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO.	99.91
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	761.49
FILTER SHOP	8.00
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	170.07
ANDREW HILSCHER	120.99
IDEAL PURE WATER	29.49
OPPD	452.89
CARTRIDGE CENTER INC.	116.00
CUBBY'S	1,653.26
MODERN MARKETING	275.45
OFFICE DEPOT, INC.	73.48
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	463.65
2 MEN AND A SHOP	44.65
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	7,713.70
ERIC WRIGHT	251.00
JOSHUA DAMME	1,489.24
SHEA DEGAN	145.25
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,144.69
ROBERT JONES	98.90
GREGORY KELLY	1,231.85
DANIEL STOCKER	1,622.07
ABIGAIL WARREN	259.73
RELIANCE STANDARD	299.17
JOSHUA DAMME	1,524.69
SHEA DEGAN	145.25
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,327.40
ROBERT JONES	143.84
GREGORY KELLY	1,510.27
DONALD MCGUIRE	145.24
DANIEL STOCKER	1,874.54
TREVOR THRASHER	136.17
ABIGAIL WARREN	187.01

MARK WILKINS	125.87
VERIZON	248.16
ABES	30.00
DANIEL STOCKER	43.36
MUD	288.85
<b>POLICE TOTAL</b>	<b>38,579.04</b>

**PARKS**

CARTER BEHNKEN	285.49
JOHN BOHRER	1,066.91
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,619.42
JACOB CONLEY	2,155.30
ETHAN HEINEMAN	750.99
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	31.94
HOME DEPOT	137.87
KUBOTA OF OMAHA	107.65
MENARDS	61.22
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	496.35
VERMEER HIGH PLAINS	67.50
VERIZON	49.33
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC	381.00
MUD	303.15
NEBRASKA ARBORISTS ASSOC	260.00
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JACOB CONLEY	62.23
PORT A JOHNS	100.00
OPPD	816.46
JOHN BOHRER	591.65
CUBBYS	184.42
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION	17.12
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	82.80
ROB'S OIL COMPANY, INC	436.69
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	1,007.16
CARTER BEHNKEN	285.49
JOHN BOHRER	1,066.99
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,512.96
JACOB CONLEY	2,030.02
ETHAN HEINEMANN	468.79
RELIANCE STANDARD	234.75
MENARDS	15.99
JOHN BOHRER	55.05
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	31.94
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	34.59

THIELE GEOTECH, INC.	522.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE, INC	381.00
MICHAEL ANDERSON	36.37
CARTER BEHNKEN	432.56
JOHN BOHRER	1,155.08
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,529.96
JACOB CONLEY	2,056.45
STUART ELLISON	75.24
VERIZON	21.35
MUD	400.35
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY	35.73
<b>PARKS TOTAL</b>	<b>23,605.31</b>

**STREETS**

COX BUSINESS SERVICES	31.95
DOUGLAS COUNTY TREASURER	25,943.57
HOME DEPOT	137.87
KUBOTA OF OMAHA	107.65
MENARDS	61.22
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	287.01
VERMEER HIGH PLAINS	67.49
GRAINGER	744.62
VERIZON	49.34
MUD	238.50
NEBRASKA ARBORISTS ASSOC	260.00
YOUNG AND WHITE	4,902.50
JACOB CONLEY	62.22
JEO CONSULTING, INC	301.25
OPPD	4,653.95
JOHN BOHRER	16.69
CUBBYS	173.88
ROB'S OIL COMPANY, INC	436.70
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	1,007.16
MENARDS	15.99
JOHN BOHRER	55.04
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	31.95
HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	34.59
VERIZON	21.36
MUD	238.50
MICHAEL TODD & COMPANY	107.19
<b>STREETS TOTAL</b>	<b>39,988.19</b>

<b>CITY</b>	<b>92,564.64</b>
<b>SEWER</b>	<b>26,539.01</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>	<b>31,321.79</b>
<b>POLICE</b>	<b>38,579.04</b>
<b>PARKS</b>	<b>23,605.31</b>
<b>STREETS</b>	<b>39,988.19</b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL BILLS</b>	<b>252,597.98</b>

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

2022-2023 Budget Resolution No. 2022-06 Setting Final Tax Request

Motion by Pekny, second by Adams to approve Budget Resolution No. 2022-06 setting the property tax rate for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at \$0.668. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022-07 Approval of the Governing Body to the Mayor to Authorize and Sign the Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2022

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2002 Signing Resolution No. 2022-07. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review and Approval of 2022-2023 One and Six Year Street Plan

Street Superintendent Julie Ogden explained the proposed Street Plan.

Johns opened a public hearing and there were no comments.

Motion by Adams, second by Bridgeford to approve Resolution No. 2022-08 and Adopt the One and Six Year Street Plan. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Street Closure Application for Trunk or Treat Event

Three Timbers, Boris Liffing on Sun Oct 30, from 1-3 p.m.

Motion by Pekny, second by Adams to approve the street closure as presented. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Special Designated Liquor License – Founder’s Day, Saturday October 8, 2022

- A. JDUB’S, West – 2 p.m. to 12 a.m.
- B. Monolithic Brewing Co., Hartung – 2-6 p.m.
- C. 402 Beer & Spirits, Saltzman – 2-8 p.m.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to approve Items A-C as presented above. All voted in favor and the motion carried.



Resolution No. 2022-09 Regarding Distracted Driving

Motion by Adams, second by Pekny to approve a distracted driving section to the Personnel Manual. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Neumeyer Farm Project

The Bennington Soccer Club's \$437,700 grant is approved and a timeline and budget are being established for the NE Department of Economic Development.

Motion by Bridgeford and second by Pekny to approve a Design Agreement with The Olsson Studio totaling \$124,400 for Design Survey and Construction Services. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Pekny, second by Adams to approve a Grant Administration Agreement with JEO Consulting, Inc. totaling \$20,000 including Coordination, Review and Assistance. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

156th Street Project

Condemnation costs are being billed to the City.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to approve NE Dept of Transportation Invoice No. 0646205 for \$29,429.73. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Public Works Building Site Update

A new site for the building, north of the Police Station's green space, is being evaluated with considerations for easements, property lines and elevation.

Tim Ohrt Park Project

Motion by Pekny, second by Adams to approve Pay Application No. 1 for \$119,399.03 including storm sewer and grading. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Centennial Park/156<sup>th</sup> Street Lighting Project

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to approve Change Order No. 1 deducting \$10,712. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Adams, second by Pekny to approve Pay Application No. 1 for \$30,062.75. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Police Report

Chief Hilscher proposed a new Assistant Police Chief Position.

Public Works Report

Street panels will soon be repaired on 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Howard Lane.

Library, Police, Public Works, Office and Project Tracker Reports

All monthly reports are on file in the City Office.

Public Comments

Concerns were raised regarding property in Prairie Hollow needing proper care from weeds.

Adjourn

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.