

City of Bennington
City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 11, 2023; 6:00 p.m.
City Office, 15505 Warehouse Street
Bennington, NE
402-238-2375

Call to Order - Roll Call – Open Meetings Act

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2023-2024 Budget Hearing, Budget Summary / Tax Request

City Accountant Gene Garrelts presented an overview of the budget. The property tax rate for the fiscal year 2023-2024 will be set at \$0.618 calculated at \$.4086 for the General Fund and \$.2094 for the Bond Fund. The 2022-2023 property tax request was set at \$956,235 for the General Fund and \$490,000 for the Bond Fund, for a total of \$1,446,235.

Johns opened a public hearing and there were no comments.

Adjourn

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Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. August 14, 2023 City Council / School District Meeting Minutes
- B. August 14, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. August 21, 2023 City Council Budget Meeting Minutes
- D. August 2023 Bills Paid
- E. Keno Receipts: August 8.75%: \$7,072.70
- F. JEO Consulting Invoices for:

- i. General Engineering Invoice No. 143309 for \$6,357.50
- ii. Warehouse Street Improvements Invoice No. 143310 for \$7,650
- G. Olsson Invoice No. 468494 for \$6,732.99
- H. Thiele Geotech Invoice No. 80847 for \$1,114.00

BILLS PAID IN AUGUST

CITY

BERGANKDV, LLC	258.00
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE	35.00
THE DAILY RECORD	253.36
MUD	69.60
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	143.39
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	69.27
YOUNG & WHITE LAW OFFICES	4,673.35
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	132.00
RATINA CRAWFORD	716.75
MINDI LAAKER	1,566.52
I3 BANK - HSA	150.00
EDWARD JONES	1,762.40
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	166.71
THE DAILY RECORD	73.76
FILTER SHOP	8.95
OLD REPUBLIC SURETY GROUP	100.00
OPPD	260.38
RATINA CRAWFORD	756.07
MINDI LAAKER	1,638.56
INTUIT	412.50
EDWARD JONES	1,841.10
IRS	5,822.26
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	1,873.40
I3 BANK - HSA	150.00
ALL MAKES	47.46
EMC INSURANCE COMPANIES	4,281.00
JEO CONSULTING	8,406.25
OLSSON	2,300.24
REMBOLT LUDTKE LLP	1,200.00
IRS	1,909.08
EDWARD JONES	2,100.99
RATINA CRAWFORD	555.07
MINDI LAAKER	1,612.40
I3 BANK - HSA	150.00
IRS	6,327.70
ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT	105.42

BANK OF BENNINGTON	3,620.00
IRS	9,636.70
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	321.77
NE DEPT OF REVENUE	1,565.85
ACH FEE	20.00
CITY TOTAL	67,093.26

SEWER

ONE CALL CONCEPTS	90.24
CITY OF OMAHA CASHIER	28,125.96
PEOPLE SERVICE	1,310.00
SEWER TOTAL	29,526.20

LIBRARY

ALL MAKES OFFICE EQUIPMENT	120.87
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	122.17
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE	72.50
LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA MUNICIPALITIES	9,001.00
MUD	324.80
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	97.76
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	146.96
PRESTO-X	23.73
TARYN STERN	500.00
OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM	500.00
EMMA BOARDMAN	627.88
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,400.24
NATALIE HARTLEY	150.30
KATHRYN HUMPHREYS	1,305.11
LYDIA PILE	383.90
SHAY SNOW	1,526.72
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	610.09
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	180.00
FILTER SHOP	25.25
INGRAM	243.16
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	780.00
OPPD	138.60
SAM'S CLUB MC/SYNCB	920.67
LISA FLAXBEARD	143.67
PETTY CASH	100.00
EMMA BOARDMAN	559.62
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,501.11
NATALIE HARTLEY	354.29

KATHRYN HUMPHREYS	1,305.12
LYDIA PILE	365.18
SHAY SNOW	1,368.73
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	702.59
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS	280.70
LYNN BARNA	99.15
EMMA BOARDMAN	198.59
LISA FLAXBEARD	1,442.52
NATALIE HARTLEY	465.21
KATHRYN HUMPHREYS	483.71
LYDIA PILE	468.12
SHAY SNOW	1,361.80
180 CARPET CLEANING	1,814.80
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,056.50
BAKER & TAYLOR BOOKS	254.62
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	74.83
INGRAM	387.58
JESSICA ROWE-DESILVA	252.00
LIBRARY TOTAL	34,242.15

POLICE

BENNINGTON AUTO SALE	877.71
ABE'S TRASH SERVICE	30.00
MUD	154.00
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	505.19
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	292.55
ANDREW HILSCHER	30.99
POSITIVE CONCEPTS/ATPI	210.00
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,369.76
JAYME IVERSEN	1,354.76
ROBERT JONES	162.54
DONALD MCGUIRE	162.54
MARK NOONAN	181.05
ROSALINDA PEREZ	1,841.77
DANIEL STOCKER	2,007.06
ABIGAIL WARREN	40.38
MARK WILKINS	162.53
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	187.20
CUBBYS	1,101.04
FILTER SHOP	8.45
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	424.49
IDEAL PURE WATER	35.49
OPPD	421.00

PRESTO-X	41.81
DEVIN CRINKLAW	223.49
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,369.75
JAYME IVERSEN	1,354.75
DONALD MCGUIRE	243.80
ROSALINDA PEREZ	1,841.75
DANIEL STOCKER	2,276.22
ABIGAIL WARREN	73.42
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMSON	1,453.42
AXON	495.00
OFFICE DEPOT	81.20
DEVIN CRINKLAW	101.59
ANDREW HILSCHER	2,609.95
JAYME IVERSEN	1,504.11
ROBERT JONES	203.17
MARK NOONAN	181.04
ROSALINDA PEREZ	1,899.60
DANIEL STOCKER	2,612.93
ABIGAIL WARREN	29.37
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMSON	1,584.00
AXON ENTERPRISE	320.83
BENNINGTON AUTO SALE	561.78
DIGITAL ALLY	195.00
GREAT PLAINS UNIFORMS	103.99
JUSTICE DATA SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED	3,700.00
POLICE TOTAL	38,622.47

PARKS

ABE'S TRASH SERVICE	597.00
H & R CONSTRUCTION	6,266.37
MUD	254.60
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	48.88
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	210.87
CUBBY'S	142.83
PRESTO-X	27.50
CARTER BEHNKEN	333.48
JOHN BOHRER	1,056.50
TRISTEN BUHRMAN	550.74
JACOB CONLEY	2,132.60
TYLER FORTIN	689.34
LANOHA	429.98
LANG DIESEL, INC	394.03

NMC	542.36
OPPD	680.59
PORTA JOHNS INC	175.00
ROB'S OIL COMPANY INC	414.57
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	885.43
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	72.00
CARTER BEHNKEN	529.46
JOHN BOHRER	1,202.57
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,492.72
TRISTEN BUHRMAN	562.58
JACOB CONLEY	2,132.59
TYLER FORTIN	811.30
MICHAELS	19.97
AMAZON	33.93
AMAZON	64.49
AMAZON	104.99
HOTSY	175.14
PRESTO-X	27.50
CARTER BEHNKEN	761.29
JOHN BOHRER	1,245.14
DEREK BRECHBILL	1,535.91
TRISTEN BUHRMAN	399.28
JACOB CONLEY	2,173.72
TYLER FORTIN	299.01
CRASH CHAMPIONS	250.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	16.22
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	46.39
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1.74
MENARDS	16.20
MENARDS - ELKHORN	9.05
PRESTO-X	27.50
SASS FARMS (TIM & TAMI SASS)	725.00
COLEMAN EQUIPMENT	295.72
PARKS TOTAL	30,864.08

STREETS

H & R CONSTRUCTION	4,500.00
MUD	139.00
MUTUAL OF OMAHA	48.88
CUBBY'S	142.82
PRESTO-X	27.50
NMC	542.35
OPPD	4,922.70

ROB'S OIL COMPANY INC	414.58
SITE ONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	259.32
TY'S OUTDOOR POWER & SERVICE	72.00
MICHAELS	19.97
AMAZON	33.94
AMAZON	64.48
AMAZON	105.00
HOTSY	175.14
JEO CONSULTING	11,483.75
ME COLLINS CONTRACTING	161,941.75
PRESTO-X	27.50
THIELE GEOTECH, INC	1,562.00
CRASH CHAMPIONS	250.00
AKRS EQUIPMENT	16.22
COX BUSINESS SERVICES	46.40
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	1.74
MENARDS	16.19
MENARDS - ELKHORN	9.06
PRESTO-X	27.50
SASS FARMS (TIM & TAMI SASS)	725.00
COLEMAN EQUIPMENT	295.72
STREETS TOTAL	187,870.51

CITY	67,093.26
SEWER	29,526.20
LIBRARY	34,242.15
POLICE	38,622.47
PARKS	30,864.08
STREETS	<u>187,870.51</u>
TOTAL OF ALL BILLS	388,218.67

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

2023-2024 Budget Resolution No. 2023-08 Setting Final Tax Request

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to approve Budget Resolution No. 2023-08 setting the property tax rate for fiscal year 2023-2024 at \$0.618. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Street Closure and Event Application

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Dowding to approve the street closure and event application for Founder's Day – Bennington Chamber of Commerce on Saturday October 7, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Special Designated Liquor License – Founder’s Day, Saturday October 7, 2023

A. JDUB’s, West – 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

B. Monolithic Brewing Co., Hartung – 2 to 7 p.m.

Motion by Dowding, second by Adams to approve the Special Designated Liquor License Applications. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Resolution 2023-09 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 2023

Motion by Pekny, second by Bridgeford to approve the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classification and Standards 2023 Signing of Resolution No. 2023-09. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review / Approval of 2023-2024 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 Pekny to approve Resolution No. 2023-10 and Adopt the One and Six Year Street Plan. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Ordinance No. 524 Creating and Fixing for the First Time Compensation for the City Mayor and Council Members

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to introduce and waive three readings of Ordinance No. 524 AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND FIXING FOR THE FIRST TIME THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY OF BENNINGTON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Pekny, second by Dowding to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 524. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Warehouse Street and Sewer Improvements

A. ME Collins Pay Application #4 totaling \$212,696.92

B. ME Collins Change Order No. 2 totaling \$1,785.00

Motion by Pekny, second by Dowding to approve Items A and B above. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

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

All monthly reports are on file in the City Office.

Public Comments

Comments were made regarding street closings and Ridgewood HOA mowing.

Executive Session

Mayor Johns stated that an executive session would be held with respect to a Strategy Session with the City Attorney on Contract Negotiations.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to go into Executive Session for purpose of contract negotiations at 7:04 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Adams to reconvene in open session at 7:25 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion by Bridgeford, second by Pekny to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.