

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Lee Westrum, Bob Claussen, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Gary Landmark. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Police Sergeant Bob Borden, Assistant City Attorney Tara Ulmaniec, and Ronan Rolland.

There was no one present with unscheduled business to come before the Council.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- a. June 27, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. June 23, 2005 CAP Meeting
- c. June 23, 2005 Safety Committee Meeting
- d. June 16, 2005 Benson EDA Meeting
- e. April 18, 2005 UMRDC Meeting
- f. June 6, 2005 Swift County-Benson Hospital Board Meeting
- g. June 8, 2005 Prairie Country RC & D Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Carol Goff dated June 27, 2005: It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to donate one family swimming pool pass for 2006 for a raffle prize for the Swift County 4-H Horse Project.
- b. Fibrominn dated July 8, 2005: They are requesting approval to close Industry Dr. during the ground breaking ceremony on July 22, 2005. It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve closing Industry Dr. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 22, 2005.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Planning Commission has scheduled a special meeting on July 25 to continue the hearing for Variance Application No. 2005-02.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Planning Commission reviewed the comments received at the Traffic Control Plan Public Hearing. The following are the recommendations from the Planning Commission regarding the comments:

Pl. Comm.

Recommendation

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| No | 1. Move Minnesota Ave. through street to Thornton Ave. |
| No | 2. Willow Way – Add stop sign to remove through traffic |
| No | 3. Additional stop sign at Meadow Ln. and Denfeld Dr. |
| No | 4. Remove some stop signs in sparsely populated areas (ex. Groehler Ct.) |
| No | 5. Stop vehicles coming onto Thornton Ave. (no sidewalks) |
| No Comment | 6. Enforce speed limit laws rather than signage |
| No Comment | 7. What will be done for the increased traffic on current through streets? |
| Yes | 8. Stop traffic going west on Hall Ave. at Hall Ave. and 22 nd St. intersection |
| Yes | 9. Stop sign remain on 10 th St. at 10 th St. and Idaho Ave. intersection |
| Yes | 10. Meadow Ln. and Utah Ave. – make a 4-way stop |

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to table the Traffic Control

Plan to the next meeting to allow time to conduct a bus tour to study these recommendations.

The City Manager and Assistant City Attorney reviewed a draft flood plain management ordinance and map with the Council. This was informational with no action taken at this time.

The Council was informed that SNC Lavalin has asked the City to submit a bid to provide security of the Fibrominn site during construction of the plant. Staff is asking the Council for philosophical advice regarding the request. Sergeant Bob Borden informed the Council that the Police Department has adequate staff to provide the coverage 12 hours per day, five days a week during the construction. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve proceeding with submitting a bid for Fibrominn's consideration.

The City Manager informed the Council that a revised multi-year grant application is being submitted on the 2005 Airport Improvement Project. The original application covered all but about \$45,000 of the project costs. The revised grant will cover all but \$32,389 of which \$5,000 is for administration. He is holding onto the Riley Bros. Construction contract until receipt of the Federal Grant. This was informational with no action taken at this time.

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve pay request #11 from Gridor Cont. Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$193,614.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from the Minnesota Department of Transportation for the City's portion of the Highway Project in the amount of \$50,235.32.

The Public Works Director gave updates on the following:

1. Mn/DOT Highway Project
2. Wastewater Treatment Facility Project
3. Industrial Sewer and Water Extension Project
4. Street Projects: He informed the Council that they started installing diagonal parking spots on Wisconsin Ave. below the water tower. He then asked the Council to consider moving back the street work on 18th St. So. and consider proceeding with the following two projects: 1) 14th St. No. between Elizabeth and Ada Ave. in the approximate amount of \$12,000 and 2) Utah Ave. between 10th and 11th St. in the approximate amount of \$8,250. There was a consensus of the Council to approve proceeding with the two projects as presented by the Public Works Director.
5. Airport Project

The Council was informed that the water tower was cleaned last week.

The Finance Director presented the bills and warrants for approval. It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$1,036,302.32.

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____

City Clerk