

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Lee Westrum. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, and Tom Watson.

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

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

- a. July 18, 2005 Special City Council Meeting
- b. July 25, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting
- c. July 21, 2005 Safety Committee Meeting
- d. July 11, 2005 Benson Public Library Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Sandi and Robert Rodahl dated July 27, 2005
- b. Chippewa Valley Agrafuels Cooperative dated July 27, 2005
- c. Southwest/West Central Service Cooperatives dated August 3, 2005

Tom Watson from Prairie Water Tourism came before the Council to ask the Council to consider participation with Prairie Water Tourism when preparing their 2006 budget.

There was a consensus of the Council to defer action on the traffic control plan to the September 12 Council meeting. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve changing 12th Street North between Hwy. 12 and Utah Avenue to a one-way flowing north and to change Utah Avenue between 12th Street North and 13th Street North to a one-way flowing east.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #12 from Gridor Construction for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$197,987.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve change order #3 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements to repair the digester cover in the amount of \$21,626.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve change order #2 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements for various electrical items in conjunction with repairs to the digester cover in the amount of \$9,779.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the projects they were going to look at. He also reviewed preliminary drawings for the Railroad Park Improvements. At 7:45 p.m. the Council went on a tour of the following projects:

- a. Hwy. 12/29 Sidewalk
- b. Hwy. 12/29 Intersection
- c. Armory Parking Lot
- d. Railroad Park
- e. Pacific Avenue Street Project

f. WWTF Project

The City Council inspected the sidewalk on 14th Street South in front of the Dollar Store and Tom's Service. There was consensus to replace a portion of the sidewalk that had deteriorated as part of the overall street construction project.

There was a consensus of the Council to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk