

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Lee Westrum, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, and Public Works Director Elliot Nelson.

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

- a. September 12, 2005 Benson City Council Meeting
- b. September 12, 2005 Benson Library Board Meeting
- c. July 18, 2005 UMVRDC Meeting
- d. May 19, 2005 Pioneerland Library System Board Meeting

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit to Northern Lights Trails for a raffle on December 2, 2005.

The City Manager reviewed correspondence from Pioneerland Library System dated August 18, 2005 regarding their Adhoc Committee on Evaluations and Goals who are studying the current structure of Pioneerland and to look at other organizational models. No action was taken.

The City Manager informed the Council that two properties (707 – 12th Street South and 313 – 16th Street North) that were notified of code violations were inspected today. Both properties have been cleaned up so there is no need to schedule a public hearing.

Jeff Ratliff-Crain, representing the Benson Library Board, came before the Council to request a budget amount of \$82,079 which is \$2,985 over the adopted 2006 proposed library budget. The increases were noted in insurance, heating costs and capital outlay. The Council thanked him for his report and indicated that they would consider these amounts when the final 2006 budget is adopted.

Brent Hill, representing the Northern Lights Trail Snowmobile Club, informed the Council that the club is proposing to bring a WSA Extreme Ice Racing event to the area. There is a need to raise \$15,000 for the event and they requested a donation of \$1,000 towards that amount. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to donate \$1,000 from the Liquor Store Fund.

Skip Wright and Tom Litgen, State and Area Hydrologists, came before the Council for the FEMA flood maps and ordinance discussion. They reviewed the maps and dates in which the ordinance needs to be adopted by. They discussed the City's responsibilities in enforcing the ordinance upon its adoption. No action was taken.

The central business district master plan was on the agenda to review expectations of the program. An open house was held on September 15 where 35 to 45 people attended. The City Manager reviewed status of current projects. He indicated that to start this project now would mean that it would not be finished this fall. The final designs are also not yet completed.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that staff solicited quotes from four companies for the 2005 Concrete Work. One bid was returned from Molden Concrete; his prices were identical to the 2004 bid. The Public Works Director recommended approval of the bid from Molden Concrete. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the

bid from Molden Concrete as presented.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from WCEC, Inc. for the ag chem investigation at the Airport in the amount of \$23,381.24.

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from TKDA for the Airport 2005 CIP project in the amount of \$10,660.29.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Riley Brothers Construction for the Industrial Park Water and Sewer Project in the amount of \$254,509.47.

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #13 from Gridor Cont. Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$191,822.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Sanders, Wacker, Bergly, Inc. for the central business district master plan in the amount of \$3,394.65.

The Finance Director reviewed the budget report through August 31, 2005 with the Council.

Council Member Fitz inquired if the school crossing will be painted when doing other street painting. Staff indicated that the way it was currently painted is the way it will be. She also asked if the barricade by Culligan will be removed. Staff informed her that the barricade will be removed but it was placed there when people were driving their cars into the new curb.

The City Manager reviewed other aspects of the highway project.

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk