

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 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, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Fire Chief Greg Lee, Police Chief Jim Crace, Swift County RDA Director Sue Pirsig, Chuck Koenigs, and Administrative Assistant Marge Scheffler

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a strategic planning session. Chuck Koenigs was the moderator for the session.

The group worked on preparing a mission statement. The following mission statement alternatives came out of the session:

1. Benson is a forward looking community that values public safety, quality of life and treats people with dignity and respect.
2. A forward looking community valuing public safety, quality of life and treating people with respect and dignity.
3. Moving forward promoting public safety, quality of life and treating people with respect and dignity.

At 6:40 p.m. there was a consensus to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk