

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2006**

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, Vicky Syverson, Dan Enderson, and Brian Hiles.

The following three items were added to the agenda: 1). SCBH Golf Tournament Flag Sponsorship Request, 2). Small Cities Grant and Swift County HRA Update, and 3). First Reading of an Ordinance to Sell Real Estate.

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

- a. May 22, 2006 Benson City Council Meeting
- b. April 25, 2006 Hospital Board Meeting

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a \$150 donation to the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce for 2006 Kid Day. It was mentioned that the City already donated \$1,000 in 2005 to be used for fireworks expenses in 2005 and 2006.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit to the Church of St. Francis for a raffle on September 10, 2006.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit to the Benson Golf Club for a raffle on September 30, 2006.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve sponsoring a flag for the Swift County-Benson Hospital golf fundraiser in the amount of \$150.

Vicky Syverson, Swift County HRA Director, updated the Council on the housing loan portion of the Small Cities Development Grant Program. She also requested approval to fund installation of a central air conditioner for the resident at 203 – 17th Street South through the Grant Program. The resident has a letter of support from their doctor for the central air conditioner. DEED has approved the installation and cost of the central air conditioner. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve funding through the Small Cities Development Grant Program for a central air conditioner at 203 – 17th Street South.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 5, 2006, for the Hawleywood Fourth Plat. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the plat to include additional tiling on the south side of the pond to ensure that no ground water flows in the direction of the Hawleywood Third subdivision. Brian Hiles, representing Landteam Inc., came before the Council for discussion of the Hawleywood Fourth Addition Final Plat. After review and discussion, it was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the Hawleywood Fourth Addition Final Plat contingent upon the following: 1). City Attorney finish legal review and approval, 2). Mayor signing Development Agreement, and 3). Access easements executed.

Member Claussen inquired about the deferred assessments on this property. Staff indicated that once a final plat is filed that the assessments would become current.

Dan Enderson, representing the Benson Golf Club, informed the Council that John Deere has a special equipment pricing program for governmental entities. He requested that the City purchase a John Deere Gator for the Golf Club to take advantage of the discount. The Golf Club would then reimburse the City. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to authorize purchasing a John Deere Gator for the Golf Club as presented.

Dan Enderson informed the Council that the season started out good at the Golf Club. The walk-in revenues are up but the membership revenues are down.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 96, Fire Prevention allowing the use of recreational fires with restrictions.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #17 from Gridor Construction, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$36,112.50.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Bonestroo, Rosene, Anderlik and Associates for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in the amount of \$4,578.80.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$487,801.38.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the First Reading of An Ordinance to Sell Real Estate.

The City Manager informed the Council that staff continues to work on the gravel road on the east end of Pacific Avenue commonly referred to as "Gusty's Road". He met with Bonestroo recently to have them conduct a mini feasibility study of the road to get cost estimates that will help to determine how to proceed.

There was consensus of the Council to schedule a bus tour of Benson starting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26, followed by the regular Council meeting.

The City Manager gave a brief update on the Railroad Park improvements.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk