

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 10, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. The Mayor recessed the meeting to conduct a tour of the following sites:

1. Sandy's Café Lift Station (1601 Minnesota Avenue)
2. Homewood VIII Subdivision
3. Minnesota Avenue Sewer Extension and Right of Way Project
4. Atlantic Avenue, Central Business District Overlay
5. Gusty's Road (East end of Pacific Avenue) and West Drainage
6. Benson Market at 1121 Atlantic Avenue
7. Sidewalk Replacement at 1314 Atlantic Avenue
8. North-Central Railroad Park
9. 13th Street North Lift Station
10. Cottage Square Subdivision Project
11. Hawleywood IV Sewer Extension and Construction

At 7:55 p.m. the meeting was reconvened at City Hall. Members present: Sue Fitz, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Lee Westrum and Bob Claussen. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, and Police Chief Jim Crace.

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

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

- a. June 26, 2006 Benson City Council Meeting
- b. June, 14, 2006 Prairie Country RC & D Meeting
- c. May 22, 2006 Hospital Board Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Department of Administration, State Demographer dated May 31, 2006
- b. Southwest Initiative Fund dated June 28, 2006. Referred to the EDA for consideration.
- c. Chamber of Commerce dated June 19, 2006

The Cottage Square Final Plat was tabled to the next meeting.

A petition was received from Kirk and Julie Johnson of 810 Minnesota Avenue requesting that city sewer be constructed to their residence. After discussion, it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to accept the petition and direct staff to investigate costs to complete this project.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Planning Commission has approved the changes to the sign ordinance and are recommending that the Council approve the amended sign ordinance. This item was tabled to allow time for the Council to review the ordinance changes.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from LandTeam Inc. for the Homewood Eighth Addition in the amount of \$36,072.75.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve payment to UMVRDC for administrative services from April 21, 2005 to June 30, 2006 for the Small Cities Development Grant in the amount of \$5,000.

The Council was informed that the application for exemption from property tax for the Benson Racket and Fitness Center has been denied. Letters regarding the denial were received from the Minnesota Department of Revenue and the Swift County Assessor.

The Finance Director informed the Council that the City has been awarded a \$3,000 grant to be used for automatic door openers at the Armory for polling place accessibility improvements. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the grant agreement.

The Police Chief informed the Council that an inter-agency group of professionals has been meeting to share information and network relative to drug-endangered children. He handed out a copy of an inter-agency response plan in handling case-specific circumstances when illicit drugs are present. This was informational with no action taken.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk