

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

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, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Police Chief Jim Crace, Brent Hill, and Gerald Kurkosky.

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

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

- a. October 23, 2006 Regular Benson City Council Meeting
- b. October 10, 2006 Benson Park Board Meeting
- c. October 19, 2006 Benson HRA Meeting
- d. September 25, 2006 SCBH Board Meeting
- f. October 12, 2006 Benson Area Tourism Board Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Gerald Kurkosky dated November 8, 2006. Mr. Kurkosky is interested in purchasing a vacant lot at the corner of Montana Ave. and 11th St. No. He lives next door and would like to construct a residential storage building on the lot. The City Manager informed the Council that he has talked to the Benson School District about constructing their trade house on this lot. After discussion, there was a consensus to table this item until the next meeting to allow time for staff to research and gather information about this lot.
- b. Benson Area Chamber of Commerce dated October 2, 2006. It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to waive the rental fee for the Chamber to have the Santa Truck at the Armory on December 9 and to approve sponsoring the Santa Truck in the amount of \$250.
- c. Countryside Public Health dated November 1, 2006 regarding dismissing charges for a tobacco compliance check for 2007.
- d. Countryside Public Health dated November 1, 2006. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve renewing the tobacco compliance contract with Countryside Public Health.
- e. Kenneth Dagit regarding fire calls.
- f. Southwest Initiative Foundation dated November 1, 2006 requesting a donation for 2007. This item was tabled.
- g. CVAC dated November 3, 2006

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Westrum and carried unanimously to approve appointing Ann Hawley (term expiring December 31, 2008) and Paul Estenson (term expiring December 31, 2007) to fill vacancies on the Benson Area Tourism Board.

The Police Chief informed the Council about the Star Award that was awarded to the Benson Police Department. This award was presented to the Benson Police Department because of their display of excellence in traffic safety.

Brent Hill, representing the Northern Lights Trails Snowmobile Club informed the Council about the upcoming WPSA Extreme Ice Racing they are sponsoring January 13-14, 2007. The snowmobile club is requesting a \$3,000 donation to help with advertising the event. There was a consensus to have the EDA review the request.

The City Manager informed the Council that staff met with the General Manager of Glacial

Plains a couple of weeks ago to discuss the City purchasing some land west of their elevator on Highway 9. The buildings on this property are in poor condition and need to be removed. The City Manager asked the Council to appoint two members along with the City Manager to negotiate with Glacial Plains for this property. Mayor Kittelson and Member Claussen agreed to negotiate with Glacial Plains.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$579,278.94.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve waiving the rental fee for the Prom Afterbash to use the Armory on April 28, 2007.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve an invoice from Community Education for running the 2006 summer recreation programs in the amount of \$13,396.29.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk