

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Police Chief Jim Crace, Fire Chief Greg Lee, Karen Wolfington, Richard and Donna Jackson.

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

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

- a. January 22, 2007 City Council Meeting
- b. January 31, 2007 Benson HRA Meeting
- c. January 26, 2007 Benson EDA Meeting
- d. January 10, 2007 Prairie Country RC & D Council Meeting
- e. December 28, 2006 and January 22, 2007 Benson Hospital Board Meetings
- f. February 5, 2007 Benson Planning Commission Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. Melody Reuss and Mary McGinty are requesting signage to post time limits on some parking stalls in front of their businesses dated January 8, 2007. There was a consensus of the Council to table this request to allow time to study the request further.
- b. Department of Employee Relations dated January 29, 2007
- c. TKDA dated February 6, 2007
- d. Northern Lights Trails Snowmobile Club
- e. Prom Afterbash donation request dated January 23, 2007. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve donating \$200 in Benson Bucks to graduating seniors for the Prom Afterbash.
- f. ECFE donation request for a swimming pool family pass dated February 8, 2007. There was a consensus to table this donation request to the next meeting to allow time to work on a policy for donation requests.

It was moved by Westrum, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to appoint Kimberly Pehrson to the Benson Library Board with her term expiring December 31, 2009.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for Northern Lights Trails to hold a bingo event on March 30, 2007.

The Police Chief reviewed the 2006 Annual Police Department report with the Council.

A brief review of the 2006 Accident/Injury Summary Report was held. The City Manager informed the Council that there were zero workers compensation claims and zero injuries on the OSHA log for 2006.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$354,619.07.

The Fire Chief informed the Council that the fire department would like to replace the Rescue 1 vehicle (1986 Ford) and convert Rescue 2 vehicle (1984 GMC) into another wild land fighting truck. The Rescue 1 vehicle is too small and light to serve the department's present needs. The Department feels they can acquire a used vehicle in the \$100,000 range. No action was taken at this time.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that there was a water break on 11th Street South that staff repaired this past Saturday.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The Council went to the Fire Hall after adjournment for a tour and inventory of vehicles.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Manager