

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Anne Johnson. Also present: Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, City Attorney Don Wilcox, Swift County RDA Director Jennifer Gruis, Belinda Sanders, and Ron Carlson.

The RDA Director informed the Council that she is working with Eric Carlson to purchase the assets of Ron Carlson Machine. It will possibly be done next week or perhaps the following week.

Member Landmark offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION
(RESOLUTION NO. 2009-25)**

WHEREAS, A. Ronald Carlson and Alta A. Carlson, are the owners of real property in the City of Benson described as Lot Nine (9), Block One (1), Benson Industrial Park Third Addition upon which is located their business known as Ron Carlson Machine, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, one of the buildings located on said property is no longer needed for use by Ron Carlson Machine, Inc. and the Carlsons intend to sell said building along with a portion of the above described real property; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Benson and beneficial for the economic development of the City to have commercial property available for use by businesses seeking to locate in the City of Benson and that the building offered for sale by the Carlsons is appropriate for that purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the building inspector for the City of Benson inspect said building to determine if it is structurally sound and suitable for commercial purposes.
2. That if said building passes inspection an offer be made to purchase said building, along with the necessary portion of the above described real property, from the Carlsons for a fair value contingent upon the Carlson's ability to convey clear title free of any liens.
3. That if an agreement with the Carlsons to purchase said building is reached that the funds for said purchase, up to a maximum of \$50,000.00, be made available from the Economic Development Authority Fund.

Member Fitz seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Fitz, Claussen, Kittelson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Johnson. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2009-25 duly passed and adopted.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #1 from Their Well Co. for the Well No. 32 and Pumping Facility project in the amount of \$80,482.24.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request #2 from Thein Well Co. for the Well No. 32 and Pumping Facility project in the amount of \$50,781.06.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that they have been pumping water from well #12 for 64 hours. It appears to be clear but staff will continue to monitor it to determine if any additional work is going to be necessary.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk