

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Pro-Tem Gary Landmark. Members present: Sue Fitz, Gary Landmark, and Bob Claussen. Members absent: Paul Kittelson and one vacancy. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, and Swift County HRA Director Vicky Syverson.

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

The City Manager informed the Council that the Planning Commission recommends that the Council deny Conditional Use Permit #2007-02 to Linden and Susan Reich, 885 Willoway. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and deny Conditional Use Permit #2007-02.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that the following bids were opened on September 27, 2007 to furnish 15 kV Switchgear and 115 kV Control Panels:

BIDDER	TOTAL BASE PRICE
Harold K. Scholz Co. Ralston, NE	\$370,600
Myers Controlled Power LLC Massillon, OH	\$425,610
Pedersen Power Products Omaha, NE	\$439,944

DGR, the consulting engineers, reviewed the bids and recommend that the Harold K. Scholz Co. be awarded the contract for the 15 kV Switchgear and 115 kV Control Panels. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to accept DGR's recommendation and award the contract to Harold K. Scholz Co. for the 15 kV Switchgear and 115 kV Control Panels.

The Public Works Director recommended that the Council authorize the purchase of underground electrical tubing from Dakota Supply Group in the amount of \$30,061.82. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of underground electrical tubing from Dakota Supply Group in the approximate amount of \$30,061.82.

The Public Works Director briefed the Council on the following items:

- MPCA has issued the permit for the Cottage Square sanitary sewer
- the owner and developer have signed a purchase agreement for Cottage Square
- started construction on circle 4 hangar at airport
- Electric system improvements
- Armory furnace to be installed the week of October 8

The Council then went to the fire hall for discussion of the vehicle exhaust removal system. Greg Lee and Mark Schreck, representing the fire department, informed the Council that Nederman Inc. has proposed a change order to install a system with more advanced technology than the system bid at no additional cost to the City. The City Manager informed the Council that the City Attorney has given a verbal opinion that there is nothing illegal about approving the

change order. Nederman is proposing to install a system with more advanced technology in one of the truck bays and the system bid in another truck bay. The Fire Department will then compare the two systems and decide which system it wants installed in all the bays. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the change order at no additional cost to the City and authorize the fire department to decide which system they want installed.

The Council then went on a tour guided by the Swift County HRA Director of the residential housing rehab projects. There was also an update on the Northeast Railroad Park project.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

President Pro-Tem

Attest: _____
City Clerk