

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 2, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Anne Johnson, Bob Claussen, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Gary Landmark. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Police Chief Jim Crace, Fire Chief Mark Schreck, Lonnie Hagen, Dave Vollan, Rob Lee, Justin LeClair, and Dave and JoVonne Frenzel.

Under unscheduled business, Dave and JoVonne Frenzel asked the Council to consider adjusting the sewer fees due to a water leak at 301 – 18th Street North. They informed the Council that the water leak did not cause any water to go down the drain. The Council directed staff to contact Ms. Frenzel to set up a time to gain access to the property and report their findings at the March 16 Council meeting.

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

- a. February 9, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. January 14, 2009 Benson HRA Meeting
- c. February 12, 2009 Benson Safety Committee Meeting
- d. February 2, 2009 Benson Planning Commission Meeting
- e. February 19, 2009 Benson EDA Meeting
- f. January 26, 2008 SCBH Board Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Charter Communications dated 2.9.09 RE: DTV Transition Update and Other Charges and dated 2.20.09 RE: Voluntary Chapter 11 Filing
- b. Swift County Assessor RE: Board of Review scheduled for 4.20.09
- c. LMC Cities Bulletin dated 2.25.09
- d. MPCA RE: WWTP Draft Reissued NPDES Permit No. MN0020036

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve Variance No. 2009-01 from Justin and Heather LeClair, 503 – 18th Street North. The Variance will allow them to construct a 24 ft. x 50 ft. attached garage (1200 sq. ft.) within 3 feet of the south lot line with the garage appearance to conform to the house.

The Let's Go Fishing gambling permit to conduct gambling (pull tabs) at Kelly's Convenience Store was continued from the February 9 Council Meeting. Staff received no information from the organization regarding the number of Benson residents that participate in Let's Go Fishing activities. There was a discussion regarding other organizations such as the Benson Golf Club operating gambling activity at Kelly's Convenience Store. This item was tabled until the March 16 Council meeting to allow staff time to obtain additional information.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to appoint Diane Trew to the Benson Area Tourism Board with her term expiring December 31, 2010.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to appoint Reed Anfinson to the Benson Area Tourism Board with his term expiring December 31, 2011.

The City Manager informed the Council that there was no need to open the Public Hearing on Special Assessments for Lodging Taxes because he has gone over the books with the owner and the records have been brought up to date along with the payment of owed taxes.

Fire Chief Mark Schreck reviewed the 2008 Fire Department Report with the Council. There was a consensus of the Council to approve a 15% increase (7.5% each year) in the Fire Contracts effective April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2011.

Police Chief Jim Crace reviewed the 2008 Police Department Annual Report with the Council. There was a brief discussion regarding administrative fines/charges. The Police Chief will get more information about administrative fines/charges and present the information to the Council.

Agenda item Emergency Services Personnel was tabled until the next meeting.

The Finance Director reviewed the Liquor Store Budget with the Council. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the 2009 Liquor Store Budget.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the Utility Ten Year Capital Improvement Plan (2009 – 2018).

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from DGR for the Electric System Improvements in the amount of \$13,214.62 (\$12,715.12 for 115 kV Substation, \$222 for 115 kV Transmission Line and \$277.50 for Distribution Feeders).

The next item discussed was the rate resolution. The City Manager recommended approval of the rate resolution with the addition of increasing the swimming pool fees. It was mentioned that the City should change their policy and not charge an individual that brings in a child to swim when that individual is not going to swim. The Council directed staff to research area communities to see what their swimming pool fees are. After discussion, Council Member Johnson offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES
FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, LICENSES AND PERMITS
FOR THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA

Now Therefore, the City Council of the City of Benson, Minnesota, resolves:

Section 1. All fees and charges in effect as of the date of the adoption of the city code for the city shall remain in effect unless otherwise modified by the provisions of this resolution. All citations below are to various sections of the city code unless otherwise indicated.

Section 2. The following are the fees and charges for the permits, licenses and services listed below which are referenced to the section of the city code which authorizes their establishment:

1. Pursuant to § 30.01, an inexcusable absence of a Council Member or the Mayor from any meetings, special or regular, shall result in a fine of \$10 levied against the absent member upon majority vote of those members of the Council present.
2. Pursuant to § 33.34, if any item of unclaimed property in possession of the city appears to have a value of \$5 or less, is hazardous to store, or is perishable, the Chief of Police or his or her authorized representative may

sell or otherwise dispose of such property in whatever manner the Chief of Police determines reasonable and appropriate.

3. Pursuant to Ch. 50: Appendix: Utility Rates, Ch. 52: Appendix: Sewer Service Charges, and Ch. 53, the utility rates are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Customer charge	\$8.50
Energy charge per kWh	\$.071
Minimum charge shall be the customer charge	
Controlled water heating credit	\$3.00

COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE

Customer charge single phase	\$13.00
Customer charge three phase	\$19.00
Energy charge per kWh	\$.073
Minimum monthly charge shall be the customer charge	

LARGE POWER SERVICE The Utilities Board may adopt regulations by resolution governing the eligibility requirements, use of special equipment, type of materials, and other items that it deems desirable.

Customer charge	\$35.00
Demand charge	\$9.50
Energy charge per kWh	\$.034
Minimum charge is the customer charge	

INTERRUPTIBLE RATE

Energy charge	\$.038 per kWh
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STREET LIGHTING

Monthly rate energy charge	\$.12 per kWh
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SECURITY LIGHT RENTAL AND OTHER FLAT RATE CHARGES The following charges shall be made for security lighting unless energy is furnished by the consumer:

Units	Flat Rate Charge
100 Watt	\$5.75 per month
150 Watt	\$7.25 per month
250 Watt	\$11.50 per month
400 Watt	\$14.50 per month
1000 Watt	\$27.00 per month

POWER COST ADJUSTMENT BASE PER kWh.

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ELECTRIC SERVICE CONNECTION FEE: A flat rate of \$35 for each temporary service shall be charged and collected prior to installation of any temporary service.

RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE

Hauling rate: Includes a weekly pickup service of one 30 gallon container not to exceed 40 pounds	\$11.00 per month
Additional container charge	\$1.25 per container
Charge for overage/unsorted garbage	\$4.00 per bag

WATER RATE

Residential service charge	\$4.00
Commercial service charge:	
5/8" - 1" meter	\$8.00
1 1/4" - 2" meter	\$20.00
Larger than 2" meter	\$50.00
Usage charge	\$1.25 per 100 cu. ft.

Water main connection fee:

5/8" - 1" meter	\$250.00
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1 1/4" - 2" meter	\$350.00
Larger than 2" meter	\$500.00
Water meter tap fee	\$40.00/hr.
Water meter remote installation fee	\$35.00

All water meters are read and billed monthly. Meters will be estimated if readings are not received. All water is billed in units of 100 cu. ft. which is equal to approximately 750 gallons.

SEWER RATE

Minimum charge	\$19.50 per month
Unit rate	\$3.90 per 100 cu. ft.

METER DEPOSITS:

Residential	
Electric	\$20
Water	\$20
Commercial	One month average bill

The maximum penalty assessed for all utility services is 10%.

Fee for disconnection and reconnection is \$25.00.

4. Pursuant to § 51.06, the fee for garbage collectors license shall be \$100 per year.
5. Pursuant to § 52.16, before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, a permit and inspection fee of \$5 shall be paid to the Building Inspector at the time the application is filed.
6. Pursuant to § 52.17(A), a special use permit fee of \$50 shall be paid to the City Manager at the time the application is filed.
7. Pursuant to § 52.17(F), a charge shall be levied to the holder of a valid permit for each discharge made in the following manner:

Type	Rate
Septic Tank Sludge	\$2.50/100 gals. or \$25/1000 gals.
Holding Tank Sewage	\$2/100 gals. or \$20/1000 gals.

8. Pursuant to § 52.30, the fee to connect to the city sewer system and an inspection fee shall be payable to the City at the time the application is filed:

Residential: \$2,000 per Residential Unit of Service

Commercial: Calculated on an estimated water usage divided by residential equivalent unit use of 172 gallons per day, raised to the 0.7th power and multiplied times \$2,000. After one year, the actual water consumption shall be used to determine any refund or additional charge due.

9. Pursuant to § 52.38, no sewer tap license shall be issued to any person as aforesaid until he or she shall have paid to the City Manager a license fee of \$50.
10. Pursuant to § 90.17, a dog license shall be valid for a period of one year commencing January 1 and expiring December 31 of the year issued; and, except as hereinafter provided, shall be issued only upon payment to the city a license fee of \$5.
11. Pursuant to § 90.18, upon payment of fees, the city shall furnish each licensee with a metallic tag upon which the licensee shall have stamped or engraved the registered number of the dog, the word "Benson," and the year registered. The design of the tag shall be changed from year to year. In case the metallic tag is lost or stolen after having been regularly issued as herein provided, the licensee, upon presenting to the city the license or receipt issued when the dog was registered, shall receive a duplicate tag and license upon the payment of \$.50 to the city.

12. Pursuant to § 90.20(C), any dog may be reclaimed from the animal shelter by its owner within the time specified in the notice by the payment to the city of the license fee (if not paid for the current year) and a fee of \$15 for each day or fraction of a day that said dog has been confined as the cost of boarding.
13. Pursuant to § 90.29, no person, firm, or corporation shall maintain in this city a kennel without securing a license therefore from the City Council. The license fee shall be \$10 per year.
14. Pursuant to § 92.03, no person shall place or suffer to remain any farming implements or any agricultural or other machinery in or upon any street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the city. No person shall in any manner or with any article or thing encumber or obstruct any street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the city, provided, however, that any person owning or operating a business establishment for the retail sale of merchandise in the city may use the sidewalk adjacent to his or her business premises for the purpose of displaying and selling merchandise, and also, a person or organization may use all or a portion of a street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the city for temporary use for special events, but only after such person or organization first obtains a written permit allowing such use from the City Manager. The City Manager shall have the authority to grant or deny such permit and if granted he or she shall have the authority to determine the terms, conditions, and duration of such special use permit. The City Council may revoke such permit at any time if such person receiving the permit violates the terms and conditions thereof. The person receiving such permit shall be required to pay a fee of \$5 to the city upon receipt thereof.
15. Pursuant to § 92.23, each excavation permit application shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of \$300 to be paid by the applicant.
16. Pursuant to § 111.05, the annual fee for a raffle license shall be \$5. The annual fee for a pull-tab license shall be \$100. The fee for a single event pull-tab license shall be \$20.
17. Pursuant to § 111.22, no bingo occasion shall be conducted except by an eligible organization which has secured a license for that purpose as provided in this subchapter. A license shall be valid for 12 calendar months from the date of issuance. The annual license fee shall be \$10.
18. Pursuant to § 111.25, no person shall receive more than \$12 as compensation for any duties in connection with any bingo occasion.
19. Pursuant to § 111.28, prizes for a single bingo game shall not exceed \$100, except prizes for a game of the type commonly known as a "cover-all" game. "Cover-all" prizes may exceed \$100 provided that the aggregate value of such prizes for a bingo occasion shall not exceed \$2,500, except that in the case of a bingo occasion during which a "cover-all" game is played for a maximum prize of more than \$100 but less than \$500, the aggregate value of prizes for the bingo occasion shall not exceed \$3,000. Merchandise prizes shall be valued at fair market retail value.
20. Pursuant to § 111.29, gross receipts shall be compared to the checkers' records for the bingo occasion by a person who did not sell cards for the bingo occasion. If a discrepancy exceeding \$20 is found between the amount of gross receipts for a bingo occasion as determined by the checkers' records, and the amount of gross receipts as determined by totaling the cash receipts, the discrepancy shall be reported to and investigated by the Council.
21. Pursuant to § 112.05, the fee for every such tobacco license shall be \$150 per year. Every license shall expire on December 31 after its issuance. For any license issued after January 31 in any year the fee shall be computed at the rate of \$12.50 for each month covered by the license. Licenses shall not be transferable from one person to another.
22. Pursuant to § 113.03, the annual license fee for a roller-skating rink shall be \$30, payable in advance with the application, for each year or portion of a year.
23. Pursuant to § 114.03(D), the fee for a peddler's license shall be \$20.
24. Pursuant to § 115.03, the license fee shall be \$15 for each vehicle (taxi cab) to be operated.
25. Pursuant to § 116.03, before an auction permit shall be issued, the applicant shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of \$25 as a license fee. In addition to the above-mentioned fee, there shall be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the city by every auctioneer or the owner of any goods, wares, and merchandise sold by auction, except

household goods which have been used as such, 10% of the gross receipts accruing from said sale except in when the sale is made.

26. Pursuant to § 117.16(A), the sexually oriented business application and investigation fee shall be \$250.
27. Pursuant to § 117.16(B), the sexually oriented business license fee shall be \$1,200.
28. Pursuant to § 117.16(C), the sexually oriented business employee application, investigation, and license fee shall be \$250 per employee.
29. Pursuant to § 150.33, prior to connection of any municipal utility to a manufactured home placed on any lot or within any manufactured home park within the city, said manufactured home shall be inspected by the City Building Inspector and shall be in compliance with the provisions of § 150.32. The owner or occupant of said manufactured home shall make application in writing to the city hall for inspection prior to locating said manufactured home within the city, which application shall be accompanied by an inspection fee of \$50.
30. Pursuant to § 153.22, before dividing any tract of land into two or more lots or parcels, an owner or subdivider shall, unless a variance is authorized, file with the City Manager: four copies of the preliminary plan; a cash fee of \$25 plus \$1 for each lot up to a maximum amount of \$150. This fee will be used for the expenses of the city in connection with the approval or disapproval of said plan and any final plat which may thereafter be submitted.
31. Pursuant to § 154.025, relocations shall require a conditional use permit from the Council wherein the following provisions shall be met: application in the form of a building permit shall be made on forms provided by the City Clerk; and a fee of \$15 plus any necessary public costs will be made to the Treasurer, and a receipt for same shall be attached to the application and submitted to the Clerk with proof of the mover's financial responsibility.

Section 3. The following miscellaneous fees and charges are not addressed in the city code but are hereby established with adoption of this resolution:

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
\$1.00 to \$500	\$21.00
\$501 to \$2,000	\$21 for the first \$500 plus \$2.75 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000
\$2,001 to \$25,000	\$62.25 for the first \$2,000 plus \$12.50 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$349.75 for the first \$25,000 plus \$9 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$574.75 for the first \$50,000 plus \$6.25 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$887.25 for the first \$100,000 plus \$5 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2887.25 for the first \$500,000 plus \$4.25 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000
\$1,000,001 and up	\$5012.25 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$2.75 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
Other Inspections and Fees:	
1. Inspections outside of normal business hours	\$42.00 per hour*
2. Re-inspection fees assessed under provisions of Section 305.8	\$42.00 per hour*
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge-one-half hour)	\$42.00 per hour*
4. Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to plans	\$42.00 per hour*
5. For use of outside consultants for plan checking and inspections, or both	Actual costs**
* Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is the greatest. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages, and fringe benefits of the employees involved.	
** Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs.	

LICENSES	
On-Sale Liquor License	\$1,000 (Annual)
On-Sale Club Liquor License	\$500 (Annual)
Sunday Liquor License	\$50 (Annual)
Consumption & Display License	\$50 (Annual)
Off-Sale Beer License	\$15 (Annual)
On-Sale Beer License	\$50 (Annual)
On-Sale Wine License	\$50 (Annual)
Sidewalk Café Endorsement	\$100 (Annual)
RENTALS	
Armory Rent	\$35/hour - \$300/day
Bus Sign Rent	\$15/month on back of bus \$10/month on side of bus
Community Sign	\$5 per week
Shelter Reservation	\$20 plus tax
Hangar Rent	12 Month Lease Rate: \$45/month (includes 10% AV fuel discount) Monthly Rate: \$65/month (No AV fuel discount) Daily Rate: \$5/day
Land Lot Lease - Airport	\$200/year
Copy of Code of Ordinance Book	\$50
City Council Chambers	\$20/day (free to non-profit groups)
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
Conditional Use Permit	\$150/application
Conditional Use Permit-Home Occupation	\$150/application
Variance Permit	\$150/application
Bus Fares	Regular One-Way Ride - \$1 Sr. Citizen One-way Ride - \$1 Regular Token Pack (7 rides) - \$5 Sr. Citizen Token Pack (9 rides) - \$5 Regular 1 Month Pass (unlimited rides) - \$25 Sr. Citizen 1 Month Pass (unlimited rides) - \$22 Regular 3 Month Pass (three consecutive months) - \$70 Sr. Citizen 3 Month Pass (three consecutive months) - \$60 Individual Summer Youth Pass (June-July-Aug) - \$37.50 Max Family Summer Youth Passes - \$80
Cemetery:	
Grave Lot	\$350/grave
Staking Fee	\$20
Monument Fee	\$25
Diseased Elm Tree Removal	100% of the cost (private property and adjacent boulevard)
Fire Call	\$750/call plus \$350 for the 2 nd and subsequent hours
Rescue Squad Call	\$130.50/15 min. and \$6.25/mile
AV Fuel	20% over cost
Photocopies:	
8½ x 11, 8½ x 14 & 11 x 17	20¢/side
2' x 3'	\$2
3' x 4'	\$3
Color 8½ x 11, 8½ x 14 & 11 x 17	50¢/side
Plotter	\$4 per page
FAX Charges	\$1/page to send 50¢/page to receive

Swimming Pool Fees	Residential Family Pass: \$122.48 limited to 5 immediate family members, add'l family members \$21.30 Non-Residential Family Pass: \$149.10 limited to 5 immediate family members, add'l family members \$26.63 Resident Individual Pass: \$79.88 Non-Resident Individual Pass: \$101.18 Daily Admission: Adult-\$5, Teens-\$4, Children-\$3 Family Swim is ½ of daily admission Punch Pass – Teen: \$37.28 Punch Pass – Child: \$26.63
Camping Fees	\$15 Non-hookup/night \$20 Hookup/night \$80 Non-hookup/week \$120 Hookup/week \$5 Reservation Fee \$5 Cancellation Fee
Parking Fees	\$5 - Overtime parking \$10 - Parking in yellow \$15 - Other illegal or improper parking \$25 - Snow Emergency
EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS	
Labor for Public Works & Line Crew	\$40/hour
Mosquito Spraying	\$65/hour (man & pickup)
Mosquito Spray	\$42/gallon
Mowing Fees (includes equipment)	\$75/hour (minimum charge of \$75)
Electric Pole Rent (Sprint)	\$4.50/pole (Annual)
Trailer Mounted Diesel Generator	\$120/day + fuel (without operator)
2007 Edco 14” Concrete Saw	\$60/hour + saw blades
Misc. Saws	\$60/hour + blades or chains
Delph 6575 Hot Line Trailer	\$30/day-MRES Member, \$50/day-Non MRES Member
Sauber Tensioner	\$30/day-MRES Member, \$50/day-Non MRES Member
Felling Pole Trailer	\$30/day-MRES Member, \$50/day-Non MRES Member
Reel Trailer	\$30/day-MRES Member, \$50/day-Non MRES Member
Router	\$100/hour (includes operator)
Tar Kettle	\$75/hour + materials (includes operator)
Tack Wagon	\$100/hour + materials
2007 Linelazer 3900 Striper	\$100/hour + materials
Self Propelled Steel Roller Packer	\$55/hour (includes operator)
1984 Freuhoff Dump Trailer	\$20/hour
Rubber Tire Roller Compactor	\$75/day (without operator)
Tanaka Trash Pump	\$75/day (without operator)
Vermeer Tree Spade	\$80/hour (includes operator)
2002 JD 6420 Tractor	\$100/hour (with 10’ mower and front mount snowblower)
1997 Ford F350 1 Ton Dump Truck	\$40/day -MRES Member, \$50/day -Non MRES Member + Current IRS Rate member & non-member
2007 Ford F550 SD Small Bucket Truck	\$40/hour-MRES Member, \$80/hour-Non MRES Member + Current IRS Rate member & non member
1995 Ford F800 Hi Ranger	\$40/hour-MRES Member, \$80/hour-Non MRES Member + Current IRS Rate member & non member
2001 Freightliner Versa Lift Digger/Derrick	\$40/hour-MRES Member, \$80/hour-Non MRES Member + Current IRS Rate member & non-member
Pickup/Panel Van	\$40/day-MRES Member, \$50/day-Non MRES Member + Current IRS Rate member & non-member

Trenching with Chain 1999 Case 560 Chain Trencher	\$1.10/foot or } whichever \$100/hour } is higher
Case 560 Trencher without operator	\$50/hour-MRES Member, \$60/hour-Non MRES Member
1992 Vermeer Wood Chipper	\$40/hour-MRES Member, \$50/hour-Non MRES Member
Boring 2007 Ditch Witch 2020 Boring Machine	\$4.00/foot or } whichever \$125/hour } is higher
2000 Kubota Portable Diesel Generator	\$100/day + fuel (without operator)
2008 Case Dx45 Utility Tractor w/attach	\$75/hour + materials
2001 Elgin Pelican Sweeper	\$100/hour (includes operator)
2002 John Deere 544H Loader	\$125/hour (includes operator with bucket or plow)
1990 Case Loader	\$125/hour (includes operator)
2006 John Deere 624 Loader	\$125/hour (includes operator with bucket or plow)
Tandem Dump Truck – 12 yd. Box	\$125/hour (includes operator)
Tandem Truck with Sander	\$125/hour (includes operator) + \$55/yd for sand salt
1971 International Truck w/mud pumper	\$100/hour includes two operators & labor
1985 Ford Tandem Water Truck	\$125/hour (includes operator) (2,000 gallons)
1991 John Deere 770BH Motor Grader	\$125/hour (includes operator with bucket or plow)
2005 John Deere 317 Skid Steer	\$75/hour (includes operator)
2005 Wildcat Snowblower	2009: \$50/hour 2010: \$75/hour (includes operator)
1988 John Deere 550G Dozer	\$100/hour (includes operator)
Backhoe – Ford 555 or Ford 675D	\$75/hour (includes operator)
Joy Air Compressor	\$100/day + fuel (without operator)
Ford LN 8000 Jet-Vac	\$135/hour (includes operator)
1983 Ag-Chem Sludge Truck	\$135/hour

Member Claussen seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Johnson, Claussen, Fitz, Kittelson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Landmark . Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2009-04 duly passed and adopted.

The Public Works Director presented plans and specifications for Well No. 32 to be located at the Benson Golf Club. He recommended approving the plans and specifications but to delay setting a bid opening date in hopes that this project would be added to the state priority list to be eligible for federal stimulus funding. Staff also informed the Council of the potential of the lift station improvements at the Benson Civic Center and Sandy’s Café also being included on the state priority list. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the plans and specifications for Well No. 32.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$620,646.69.

The City Manager informed the Council that he will be out-of-state March 10-13 and March 18-31.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk