

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2008**

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 and Public Works Director Elliot Nelson.

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

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

- a. May 19, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. May 21, 2008 Special City Council Meeting
- c. May 15, 2008 Benson EDA Meeting
- d. May 22, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting
- e. May 14, 2008 Prairie Country RC & D Council Meeting

Council Member Fitz offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT
(RESOLUTION NO. 2008-09)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Benson Police Department enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety for the project entitled SAFE & SOBER COMMUNITIES during the period from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff of Kandiyohi County is hereby authorized to execute the grant, be the fiscal agent and administer this grant on behalf of the Benson Police Department.

Council Member Johnson seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Fitz, Johnson, Claussen, Kittelson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Landmark. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2008-09 duly passed and adopted.

The Public Works Director updated the Council on the test well that was drilled in the golf course near well #30 to investigate a site for the replacement well. He would like to retest the water because of conflicting results in the iron and manganese concentrations. This item was tabled to allow time to retest the water as requested by the Public Works Director.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve Pay Estimate No. 6 from Harold K. Scholz Co. for the Substation Construction in the amount of \$208,899.71.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve nine pay requests from DGR for professional services through 4.30.08 regarding the Electric System Improvements in the amount of \$19,085.51 (\$392 for Electric Miscellaneous, \$4,200 for 115 kV Transmission Line, \$1,850 for Distribution Feeders, \$1,481 for 115 kV Substation,

\$2,325 for 115 kV Transmission Line, \$747 for Distribution Feeders, \$4,112.84 for 115 kV Substation, \$2,605.67 for 115 kV Transmission Line, \$1,372 for Distribution Feeders).

The Public Works Director recommended hiring an Engineering Tech from DGR to watch over the transmission line construction at a cost of \$10,000 to \$16,000. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to hire an Engineering Tech to watch over the transmission line construction as recommended by the Public Works Director.

The City Manager mentioned that if the Council would like cats removed from the Animal Ordinance to let him know. The Second Reading of an amendment to Chapter 90: Animals will be on the June 16 Council agenda.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to schedule a special City Council Meeting at 6:00 pm on June 13, 2008 at the Benson Swimming Pool to meet with a group from North Carolina who are coming to Benson to tour the Fibrominn plant and meet with their counterparts in Benson.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to schedule a special City Council Meeting at 4:00 pm on July 14, 2008 for a strategic planning session.

Member Fitz mentioned that she had received favorable responses to the new crosswalk signs. She said she thought they were good and we should consider ordering more.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk