

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 14, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Ann Johnson, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Fire Chief Mark Schreck, Police Chief Jim Crace, Liquor Store Manager Pat McGeary, Bill Radio, and Administrative Assistant Marge Scheffler

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a strategic planning session. Bill Radio was the moderator for the session.

The group worked on preparing a priority list of projects or activities for the Council to consider for the next 3 to 5 years. The top projects/activities were as follows:

1. Street and utility replacement – construction and finance plan, financing to include bonding, special assessments, etc. [sewer/electric/street/water/storm/parks]
2. Strategy for nursing home options and senior housing [purchase, better utilize, other]
3. Financial priorities/solvency of pool, golf course, etc.
4. a. Personnel development reorganization successor planning-reorganize 1<sup>st</sup> line muddy boots leaders  
b. Organize fire district in Swift County with shared personnel and equipment funding
5. New entrance signs
6. City Hall renovation and handicap accessibility plan
7. Create next generation of transit system in Benson [dispatching, funding, routing]
8. a. Gusty's Road [finance and construction]  
b. More aggressive pursuit of federal/state dollars
9. a. Work on strategy for improved city image  
b. Replace and consolidate Swift Co. law enforcement records and management system  
c. Structural assets facility planning  
d. Establish wireless internet service in Benson

On the list but did not receive any points

- a. Better utilization of armory
- b. Adopt updated comprehensive plan [2010-2020]
- c. Railroad quiet zone feasibility study

There being no additional items to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk