

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by president pro tem Gary Landmark. Members present: Sue Fitz, Bob Claussen and Gary Landmark. Members absent: Paul Kittelson and Lee Westrum. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Public Works Elliot Nelson, and Director of Finance Glen Pederson.

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

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

A: February 12, 2007 City Council Meeting

B: January 10, 2007 Benson HRA Meeting

Consensus of the Council was to again table the Melody Reuss & Mary McGinty parking request until it could be heard by the full council.

The Council reviewed the donation request form and its guidelines. There was consensus to forward the form to the ECFE in order to formalize their request.

The Council accepted the annual report from the Lynch Lake Flying Club regarding activities at the Benson Municipal Airport.

Fire Chief Greg Lee reviewed the 2006 Annual Fire Department report with the Council.

Upon motion by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve specifications and authorize accepting bids for a used Heavy Rescue Truck for the fire department.

Public Works Director Elliot Nelson come before the Council to review the design report for the 115 kV Substation Construction project of 2007/2008. He reviewed with the Council the proposed timeline, site plan and bid proposal documents for the transformers. Upon motion by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to accept the report and to approve bidding documents for the furnishing of electrical power transformers.

The Public Works Director presented the Council with a proposal to construct the new parking lot at the Swift County/Benson Hospital for a fee of \$119,095. Upon motion by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to have councilmember Claussen present the proposal to the hospital board after tonight's council meeting.

Director of Finance Glen Pederson reviewed with the Council the proposed settlement items with the local police union represented by Law Enforcement Labor Services. Upon motion by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the settlement pending acceptance by the union members and authorizes the Mayor and City Manager to sign the new contract.

Councilmember Claussen offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**CORPORATE RESOLUTION TO OPEN BANK ACCOUNT(S) WITH THE CITY  
MANAGER OR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE HAVING THE AUTHORITY TO OPEN  
ADDITIONAL BANK ACCOUNT(S) WITH THE SAME AUTHORIZED SIGNERS**

**(RESOLUTION NO. 2007-02)**

Resolved that: The Director of Finance of this organization is authorized to open or maintain the account(s) with Bank of the West as reflected in the Bank's signature card and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the signature card and Deposit Account Disclosure.

Further Resolved That: The persons listed as signers on the signature card are authorized to endorse, on behalf of this organization, any checks or other items payable to the organization or its order; to deposit such checks and other items into the account(s) with or without such endorsement; to negotiate any of such checks or other items for cash without depositing them into the account(s) if approved by the Bank and to direct withdrawals from the account(s) by check drawn on the account(s) or otherwise, including withdrawals to anyone who is an authorized signer.

Further Resolved That: This organization agrees that either the City Manager or Director of Finance is authorized to open one or more additional bank account(s) at a future date, and in such event the Bank may add additional bank account(s) to this same signature card, provided that the authorized signers on the additional bank account(s) are the same persons listed as authorized signers on this signature card. All of the resolutions herein shall apply with equal force and effect to such additional bank account(s).

Further Resolved That: This organization hereby ratifies and confirms the acts of its officers, agents and/or employees in heretofore opening the account(s) with the Bank together with any acts performed in relation thereto.

Council Member Fitz seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Claussen, Fitz, Landmark. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Westrum, Kittelson. Whereupon the President Pro-Tem declared Resolution No. 2007-02 duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm.

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President Pro-Tem

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