

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Ben Hess, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington and Finance Director Glen Pederson.

The Finance Director administered the Oath of Office for Ben Hess.

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

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

- a. December 21, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. December 17, 2009 Benson Safety Committee Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Positively MN DEED dated 12.22.09 RE: Davis-Bacon wage rates for Small Cities Development Program grants
- b. Charter Communications RE: Completion of Chapter 11 Restructuring
- c. Neighbors of the Amoco gas station, 1331 Minnesota Ave, are requesting that truck traffic not be allowed on 14th St. So. and Aldrich Ave. when entering and leaving the gas station. The Planning Commission discussed this request at their meeting earlier today and suggested that at the very least signs should be installed that would not allow truck traffic on Aldrich Ave. and south of the Amoco property on 14th St. So. After discussion, there was consensus of the Council that 14th St. So. along the Amoco property should be considered a commercial route but that trucks should not be allowed to use Aldrich Ave. Additional enforcement on Aldrich Ave. will be used.

There was consensus of the Council to approve the following appointments:

Emergency Chain of Command	Paul Kittelson Gary landmark Sue Fitz Bob Claussen Ben Hess
Economic Development Authority	Claussen and Kittelson
Fire Board	Fitz and Hess
HRA	Landmark and Fitz
Previous Council Member Anne Johnson will remain on the HRA Board with her term expiring December 31, 2012	
Library Board	Fitz
Liquor Committee	Landmark and Hess
Park Board	Landmark and Kittelson
Personnel Committee	Landmark and Claussen
Planning Commission	Fitz
President Pro-Tem	Landmark
Swift County RDA Board	Kittelson
Civil Cases: City Attorney	Don Wilcox
Civil Cases: Assistant City Attorney	Tara Ulmaniec
Attorney Handling Criminal Cases	Finke Law Office

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to appoint Jon Buyck to the EDA with his term expiring December 31, 2012 and David Stewart to the Planning Commission with his term expiring December 31, 2012.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to appoint Rob Wolfington to the Library Board with his term expiring December 31, 2011.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to reappoint the following:

Name	Board/Commission	Term Expiring
Leroy Noreen	Airport Commission	December 31, 2012
Kelly Lindblad	Airport Commission	December 31, 2012
Kay Harrison	Benson Tourism Board	December 31, 2012
Don Plackner	Cemetery Board	December 31, 2012
Elaine Mitteness	EDA	December 31, 2013
Erna Koloski	Benson HRA	December 31, 2014
Brad Johnson	Library Board	December 31, 2012
Ron Laycock	Library Board	December 31, 2012
Bill Hoberg	Park Board	December 31, 2012
Donna Anderson	Park Board	December 31, 2012
Ronan Rolland	Planning Commission	December 31, 2012

The Council acknowledged the hiring of Dave Tolifson, Brad Pecora and Scott Grover to the Benson Fire Department.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to designate the Monitor News as the official newspaper for the City in 2010.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously that state banks, national banks, and thrift institutions located either within or outside the State of Minnesota that qualify as depositories under Minnesota Law are hereby designated as depositories for the City of Benson.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to designate City Council meeting dates for 2010 on the first and third Mondays of each month at 5:30 p.m. When a meeting date falls on a holiday the following Tuesday will be the designated meeting date.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously that the following were authorized as check signers for the following accounts:

All Accounts:	Mayor Paul Kittelson, City Manager Robert Wolfington, and Director of Finance Glen Pederson
Incidental Fund:	Lisa Kent and Marge Scheffler
Meter Rent Account:	Lisa Kent
Hospital Fund:	Lisa Kent

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to renew the operating line of credit for the Benson Golf Club in the amount of \$100,000.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of materials from Anderson Lumber for minor renovations to the Water Department storage building in an amount not to exceed \$8,891.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to schedule a public hearing to review and discuss the 2010 Addendum to the 2000 Benson Comprehensive Plan at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010.

There was consensus of the Council to delay the City Manager's annual performance review to a future meeting.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the First Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 51, Solid Waste, of the City of Benson Code of Ordinances to Provide for the Regulation of Dumpsters.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize payment of an invoice from All American Water Solutions to remove and install filter media at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$24,250.

Council Member Landmark brought up that Jerry Goff had complained to him about the City Manager buying breakfast for the Street Department on Christmas Eve. Consensus of the Council was that they did not see anything wrong with it.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk