

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 2, 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.

There was no one with 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. July 19, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. June 28, 2010 SCBH Board Meeting
- c. July 22, 2010 Benson Area Tourism Board Meeting

The Mayor mentioned that he will be attending the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Summer Conference in Winona on August 18 and 19.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 117: Sexually Oriented Businesses of the City of Benson Code of Ordinances.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign a 2011 Volunteer Fire Grant Agreement. The grant will not exceed \$1,500 for the purchase of equipment and materials for fighting wild land fires.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT  
WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO PROVIDE  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF BENSON  
(RESOLUTION NO. 2010-14)**

Resolved that the City of Benson, MN to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation service in the City of Benson.

Further resolved that the City of Benson agrees to provide a local share of 20% percent of the total operating cost and 20% of the total capital costs.

Further resolved that the City of Benson authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Councilmember Hess seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Hess, Fitz, Claussen, Kittelson. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2010-14 duly passed and adopted.

The City Manager informed the Council that the City is submitting an application to DEED to demolish the Benson Market Elevator and construct a shelter for a farmers market on the site. The grant would cover about one-half the cost to demolish the elevator. Because the funding for this grant is from the General Fund, the land must be reserved for a public purpose. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve submitting the application as presented.

The City Manager reviewed the permit application for the Hwy. 9 and 29 new Crosswalk Lighting projects at Hwy. 29 and Nevada Ave. and Hwy 9 and Montana Ave. He mentioned that because

a truck recently damaged the crosswalk light at Wisconsin Ave. and Hwy 12/29 that this crosswalk light will also be replaced.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request No. 5/Final and Change Order No. 1 from Thein Well Co. for the Well No. 32 and Pumping Facility Project in the amount of \$23,900.23.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that quotes were solicited for the 2010 Chip Sealing Project. The following three quotes were received:

	<b>Pearson Bros Hanover, MN</b>	<b>Morris Sealcoat Morris, MN</b>	<b>Caldwell Asphalt Hawick, MN</b>
<b>Apply 18,000 Gal. Oil [more or less]</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$14,310.00
<b>Apply 800 Ton FA2-FA3 Chips [more of less]</b>	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 1,808.00
<b>18,000 Gal. CRS-2P</b>	\$46,440.00	\$42,660.00	\$41,760.00
<b>TOTAL EST. QUOTE</b>	\$58,640.00	\$54,960.00	\$57,878.00

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the quote from Morris Sealcoat in the amount of \$54,960.00.

The City Manager informed the Council that the Kansas Avenue entry steps to City Hall are in poor condition. Staff is recommending that the curb and gutter be removed, replace the railing and planters. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize staff to complete the improvements as discussed.

The City Manager briefed the Council on his attendance at the Emergency Management Institute in Maryland July 19-23.

The City Manager informed the Council about the pending discussion of the Water Treatment Plant Design Study, Sandy's Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Renovation, 11<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction Project, and Emergency Flood Preparedness Plan that will be on the August 16 City Council agenda. Preliminary budget figures will also be available.

Council Member Fitz informed the Council that at today's Planning Commission meeting, they discussed a request from Landmark to look at making 14<sup>th</sup> St. So. on the west side of Culligan, 409 – 14<sup>th</sup> St. So., a one-way flowing north. Landmark said he had received a complaint from a resident that lives on 14<sup>th</sup> St. So. There was consensus to invite the property owners on 14<sup>th</sup> St. So. that would be affected by this change to the next Planning Commission meeting to receive their input.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Manager