

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Gary Landmark. Members present: Mike Fugleberg, Ben Hess, Gary Landmark and Sue Fitz. Members absent: Paul Kittelson. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Police Chief Mike Jambor, Marco Curiel, Scott Grover, Police Officers Dusty Burton, Paul Larson, Mitch Johnsrud, Josiah Puckett, Ben Badowich and Mr. & Mrs. Badowich,

Police Chief Jambor administered the Police Officer Oath of Office to new Police Officer Ben Badowich.

Landmark asked if there was any unscheduled business. Scott Grover and Marco Curiel addressed the Council on establishing a soccer field. After discussion, it was decided to send the request before the Planning Commission and Park Board.

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

- January 3, 2012 City Council Meeting
- January 9, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting
- January 9, 2012 Library Board Meeting
- November 28, 2011 Swift County-Benson Hospital Board Meeting
- December 31, 2011 Benson golf Club Balance Sheet

Wolfington reviewed a letter from Countryside Public Health regarding 2011 tobacco compliance in Benson. There was 100% compliance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

It was the consensus of the Council to approve 3 projects in the Benson Small Cities Grant program.

Next Police Chief Jambor explained a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota to use the State Highway Patrol information system. This would allow officers to conduct driver license and vehicle licenses checks. It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement.

Wolfington discussed the CenterPoint Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance. City Attorney Don Wilcox suggested 3 minor wording changes. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Second Reading of the CenterPoint Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance #184 with the City Attorney's changes.

Next on the agenda was discussion of a storm sewer ordinance. This item was tabled until Mayor Kittelson is present.

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

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REREPRESENTATION  
(RESOLUTION NO. 2012-01)**

WHEREAS, THE Governing body of the City of Benson, Minnesota has entered into an agreement to establish The **Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency, d.b.a. Missouri River Energy Services (MRES)**, and as a member thereof is entitled to a representative who shall represent the Municipal Utility in the business of MRES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Paul Kittelson be and he/she is hereby authorized and appointed as the representative of the City of Benson, Minnesota, to represent the Municipal Utility in

the business of MRES, with the powers, duties and responsibilities as provided in said agreement. The alternate representative, Robert Wolfington, is hereby authorized and appointed with equal powers.

Council Member Hess seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Fugleberg, Landmark, Fitz, Hess. NAYS: None. Thereupon Landmark declared Resolution 2012-01 duly passed and adopted.

Council Fitz offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REREPRESENTATION  
(RESOLUTION NO. 2012-02)**

WHEREAS, THE Governing body of the City of Benson, Minnesota has entered into an agreement to establish The **Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (WMMPA)**, and as a member thereof is entitled to a representative who shall represent the Municipal Utility in the business of WMMPA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Paul Kittelson be and is hereby authorized and appointed as the representative of the City of Benson, Minnesota, to represent the Municipal Utility in the business of WMMPA, with the powers, duties and responsibilities as provided in said agreement. The alternate representative, Robert Wolfington, is hereby authorized and appointed with equal powers.

Council Member Hess seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Fugleberg, Landmark, Fitz Hess. NAYS: None. Thereupon Landmark declared Resolution 2012-02 duly passed and adopted.

Wolfington discussed the four year street light replacement program, and requested permission to purchase 25 more street lights this year. This number is half of what is left to replace. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to purchase 25 more street lights at a cost of \$31,575.00.

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the Liquor, Concrete Projects and Storm Water Budgets.

It was moved by Fitz, , seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$1,070,447.17.

Wolfington informed the Council after advertising for a Liquor Store Manager, they received 14 applications. Landmark continued to say the Liquor Committee rated the top three candidates and are prepared to offer the job. It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to authorize staff to proceed in the Liquor Store Manager hiring process.

Wolfington congratulated Officer Ben Badowich and thanked the other police officers for attending.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk