

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Mayor. Members present: Ben Hess, Gary Landmark, Paul Kittelson & Sue Fitz. Members Absent: Mike Fugleberg. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Upper Minnesota Valley Regional Development Commission (UMVRDC) Representative Katie Kellner, Police Sergeant Paul Larson, Tom Kummrow with the Office of Traffic Safety, Arvind Auluck-Wilson, Jack Evenson, Stephanie Heinzig and Mark Anderson.

Wolfington introduced Arvind Auluck-Wilson to the Council. Wolfington stated Mr. Auluck-Wilson stopped by last Friday to enquire about the Creamery building. Mr. Auluck-Wilson expressed interest in making the old Creamery building a productive building again, and will be contacting the architect in Willmar that has already drawn up some artist renditions of the building.

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

- October 21, 2013 City Council Meeting
- September 16, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting
- September 20, 2013 EDA Meeting
- October 17, 2013 Safety Committee Meeting

It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for Duck's Unlimited on November 23, 2013.

The Mayor acknowledged openings on the Park Board, Airport Commission, Planning Commission and Benson Area Tourism Board.

Wolfington presented a letter to the Council from the Swift County Administrator inviting Mayors, Administrators and Clerks in the County for a dinner to discuss common topics on November 18, 2013 at 5 p.m. There was consensus it was a good idea for the City to attend this meeting. It was discussed whether to hold the next Council meeting or cancel it since Wolfington and the Mayor will be attending the meeting at the County. It was the consensus of the Council to wait and see what business comes up over the next week before making that decision.

The Mayor acknowledged he will be in Alexandria November 13-15, 2013 for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Fall Conference.

Next Katie Kellner from the UMVRDC approached the Council to explain the Small Cities Development Program Residential Owner and Residential Rental Rehabilitation and Relocation Project Procedural Guidelines. There are 24 homes and 5 rental units on this grant. After discussion it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Residential Owner and Residential Rental Rehabilitation and Relocation Project Procedural Guidelines, also authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to sign these documents on behalf of the City Council.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve a project in the Benson Small Cities grant program in the amount of \$6,868.00.

Next Sergeant Paul Larson and Tom Kummrow from the Office of Traffic Safety came forward. Mr. Kummrow said the Police Department was awarded a new Light Induction Distance Activated Radar (LIDAR) through efforts in participating in the 'Toward Zero Deaths' campaign. The LIDAR would cost \$3,000 to purchase. Kummrow explained the LIDAR can measure the speed of a vehicle within a stream of traffic at a distance of 1,000' and be accurate up to 3'. It can also be used to measure distances in

accident investigations. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to accept the Lidar from the Office of Traffic Safety. Mr. Kummrow then presented the LIDAR to Sergeant Paul Larson.

Councilmember Landmark offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER AND
SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF
BENSON, MINNESOTA FOR 2013 PAYABLE 2014
(RESOLUTION NO. 2013-22)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benson City Council that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 444 that the assessment roll for 2013 Sewer and Water Bills as prepared by the City Manager is hereby approved and made a part therefore; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessments hereinafter noted shall be submitted to the County Auditor on or before November 5, 2013 and placed on the tax roll for collection with the taxes collectable in 2014.

Account Number, Name & Address	Legal Description & Parcel No.	Sewer	Water	Totals
102-0066-00-01 301 10 th St. N Delores M. Jaeger	Lots 9 & 10, Block 11 23-0056-000	\$220.50	\$6.36	\$226.86
201-0087-00-01 314 16 th St. N Roberta Hill	Lots 18,19,20 Block 38 23-0239-000	\$98.00	\$45.71	\$143.71
202-0051-00-13 Equity Gateway, LLC 211 18 th St. N.	Lots 5 & 6, Block 50 Arthur Thornton Addition 23-0314-000	\$336.47	\$20.64	\$357.11
202-0081-00-03 203 19 th St. N. Becky Mast	S 75 Ft Lt 6, Block 8 Second Park Place 23-1057-000	\$490.00	\$12.72	\$502.72
303-0023-00-01 1950 McKinney Ave Charles Holmquist	Lot 5, Block 2 Tatge's 1 st Addition 23-0976-000	\$236.83	\$6.36	\$243.19
303-0071-00-01 104 20 th St. S Linda Stauffacher	Lots 9 & 10, Block 8 Fairview Addition 23-0832-000	\$294.00	\$375.06	\$669.06
403-0054-00-28 601 Church Street Bernard Drivdahl	W 55 Ft Lot 1, Blk 1; W 55 Ft of N 28 Ft Lot 2, Blk 1 Hansen's Addition 23-0751-000	\$76.77	\$6.36	\$83.13
TOTALS		\$1,752.57	\$473.21	\$2,225.78

Member Hess seconded the foregoing motion and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Kittelson, Hess, Fitz. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2013-22 duly passed and adopted.

Councilmember Fitz offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENTS FOR CURRENT SERVICES
BY THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA FOR 2013 PAYABLE 2014**

(RESOLUTION NO. 2013-23)

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benson City Council that the following assessments for 2013 as prepared by the City Manager are hereby approved and made a part thereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessments hereinafter noted shall be submitted to the County Auditor on or before November 5, 2013 and placed on the tax roll for collection with the taxes collectable in 2014.

Charges	Name & Mailing Address	Legal Description & Parcel No.	Amnt Due
Water Meter Repair 117 – 19 th St. N.	Bob Wilson & Diane Rodi 111 - 4 th Ave. SE, Glenwood, MN 56334	Lot 1, Block 1 Alton Hume Adn. 23-0763-000	\$80.00
Mowing Charges 402 – 16 th St. S.	Stacy Grussing & John P. Larson P.O. Box 55, Benson, MN 56215	Lot 1, Block 7 McKinney's 1 st Adn. 23-0450-000	\$427.50
Mowing Charges 314 – 15 th St. N.	Roberta Bee/ Olive V Taylor 1087 West Jessamine Ct. St. Paul, MN 55117	Lots 18-20, Block 38 City of Benson Adn. 23-0239-000	\$342.00
Mowing Charges 1950 McKinney Ave.	Charles Holmquist Estate 3217 Eagle Ridge Drive W. Willmar, MN 56201	Lot 5, Block 4 Tatges 1 st Adn. 23-0976-000	\$427.50
Mowing Charges 309 – 12 th St. S.	USDA Rural Dev. Cent. Service Stan Jeitz 400 – Goodfellow Blvd. FC231, Bldg. 105 St. Louis, MO 63120-1703	Lots 31 & 32, Block 2 Railway 1 st Addition 23-0359-000	\$85.50
Water Meter Repair 306 – 18 th St. N.	Ben Miller 206 – 17 th St. S. Benson, MN 56215	Lot 8, Block 2 McKinney's 3 rd Addition	\$80.00
TOTALS			\$1,442.50

Member Hess seconded the foregoing motion and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Kittelson, Hess, Fitz. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2013-23 duly passed and adopted.

Public Works Director Nelson discussed with the Council the survey grade GPS system we have been using on street work and parking lots we have constructed since we purchased it. Nelson would like to purchase a new map grade system which is accurate to 4". It also has a camera built into it which is similar to the equipment we used for the FEMA work after the June 2013 storm. Swift County has agreed to buy our old system for \$9,000. The new system would cost \$11,500, and for a more user friendly system it would cost the City \$2,500. After discussion, it was moved by Landmark to authorize the sale of the old GPS mapping surveying equipment to Swift County in the amount of \$9,000, and also authorize staff to purchase the new survey grade GPS system in the amount of \$11,500. The motion was seconded by Hess and carried unanimously.

Next was a proposal from Aaron Vadnais of KAVF Farms to farm the old CRP land around the airport and plant it into alfalfa starting in the spring of 2014. This land no longer qualifies for CRP payments. Vadnais is asking for a 5 year rental contract at a rate of \$165.00 per acre. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve a 5 year contract with KAVF Farms to rent the grass land around the airport at a rental rate of \$165.00 per acre.

Wolfington said he signed off on the final paper work with FEMA last week. He stated the disaster aid to the City of Benson will be around \$350,000. He felt it would take about 6 months to finish the paperwork. Wolfington also talked about a mitigation grant available. He would like to apply for this grant to bury the remaining electric services that are still running overhead to homes and businesses.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Hess, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk