

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Paul Kittelson, Sue Fitz, Mike Fugleberg, Jack Evenson & Stephanie Heinzig. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Police Chief Ian Hodge, Assistant City Attorney Ben Wilcox, Ron Long from Triple Strike, Mike Bates, Beth Schlangan, Mark Anderson and Anita Flodstrom.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor called for anyone with unscheduled business. Wolfington brought to the Council's attention Beth Schlangan and Anita Flodstrom had presented a petition of signatures to the City Clerk on Friday, March 13, 2015 at 4:25 p.m. The signatures were in protest of an Ordinance to Amend Title IX: General Regulations; Benson City Code of 2003 Chapter 98: Structures in Disrepair. Pederson reported he had reviewed the petition. He stated 125 signatures were required to bring a referendum vote to the citizens of Benson. He said he was able to verify 110 signatures, and unable to verify 7 signatures. That brings the total to 117 signatures, making it an invalid petition and that the ordinance is now in effect. Schlangan stated the reasons she felt it wasn't a good ordinance, and felt it was too particular. Flodstrom voiced concern over people panicking to repair their homes. The Mayor thanked the public for their concern.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

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Wolfington informed the Council the City received a brand new liquor application. The Bowler will be changing owners in April. He introduced Ron Long from Triple Strike LLC. Long stated they have a lot of plans for the building and activities at the bowling alley and looked forward to being in Benson.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the following liquor licenses effective April 13, 2015 contingent upon receiving the necessary paperwork:

Club On-Sale Liquor License:

Benson VFW

Sunday Liquor License:

Benson VFW
Benson Bowler
Benson Golf Club
Patrick's Pub & Grill
McKinney's on Southside
Triple Strike of Benson

On-Sale Liquor License:

Benson Bowler
Benson Golf Club
Patrick's Pub & Grill
Mi Mexico
McKinney's on Southside
Triple Strike of Benson
Sidewalk Café Permit
Patrick's Pub & Grill, LLC
Mi Mexico

Off-Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage License:

Holiday Stationstore, Inc.

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the following licenses effective April 1, 2015:

Rollerskating License:
Svor's Family Roller Rink

Sewer Tap License:
Grossman Plumbing and Heating
Hawley's Inc.
Craig's Refrigeration

Garbage Collection License:
Mattheisen Disposal

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve Sally Jones to the Park Board, with her term ending 12/31/2017.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit to the Chippewa Valley Deer Hunters Association for their event to be held on August 16, 2015.

Wolfington called the list of boards and members to the attention of the Council

It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the 2nd Reading of An Ordinance to Vacate Streets and Agreement as read.

Pederson discussed an invoice for diseased elm tree removal at the Benson Golf Course. In the past few years, the Golf Club Board has asked for the bills for elm removal to be forgiven. The City pays for elm removal for other parks in the City. There was discussion on budgeting for this expense. After further discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to forgive the 2014 diseased elm removal bill, and to pay for diseased elm removal on the golf course in the future.

Police Chief Hodge gave his January and February 2015 report.

Next Hodge and Bates discussed the Benson Sportsman Club shooting range. The City has applied for a Conditional Use Permit with Swift County. The request will go to the Swift County Planning Commission on April 6, 2015 at 8 a.m. If the Conditional Use Permit is approved, it will be incorporated into an agreement between the Sportsman Club and the City for City Council consideration.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve waiving the armory fee for the Benson Women of Today's 11th Annual Holiday Expo on October 17, 2015.

Wilcox joined the Council. Wolfington said Fibrominn LLC is in the process of asset and ownership transfer to Benson Power LLC. All practices and procedures are in place. Wilcox presented a "Consent and Agreement" document with correct company information and changes. After discussion, it was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the Consent and Agreement with Benson Power, LLC with changes as presented.

Wolfington discussed the Housing Study developed by Swift County HRA, and the Housing and Redevelopment Authority, which was a county wide study. It is broken down by Community. Wolfington stated he will send it out electronically to the Councilmembers.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve conducting the 2015 Residential Tagged item Pick-up May 6-8, 2015 as presented.

Gens presented the following quotes for mosquito control chemicals:

- Univar \$8,697.40
- Clarke \$10,831.40

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the quote from Univar in the amount of \$8,697.40.

Gens said we have an old 6' sweeper broom and some 11' cutting blades for a plow that will no longer work with our equipment. He asked the Council to consider selling these items. It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the sale of these items.

Next Gens discussed Bids taken on the Wisconsin Avenue to 22nd Street South sewer replacement project. The bids came in as follows:

- Quam Construction \$219,757.00
- Johnson Excavating \$151,592.00
- Land Pride Construction \$208,025.06
- H & W Contracting LLC \$272,692.60
- Kuechle Underground Inc. \$191,360.00
- C & L Excavating, Inc. \$198,256.00
- R. L. Larson Excavating, Inc. \$189,186.50
- States Borders Construction \$231,731.50

After discussion, it was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to accept the bid from Johnson Excavating in the amount of \$151,592.00.

There was discussion on the Street Department addition. After discussion it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve going out for bids on the project.

Next Gens presented a tire quote from Glacial Plains Cooperative. We had another quote that came in a day late. It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to accept Glacial Plains quote in the amount of \$8,861.03.

Gens presented concrete quotes for the 2015 curb, gutter, 4" and 6" sidewalk and truncated domes for pedestrian ramps as follows:

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| B.G. Amundson Construction, Benson | \$34,555.00 |
| Molden Concrete Construction, Benson | \$35,000.00 |

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the quote from B. G. Amundson Construction in the amount of \$34,555.00.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the Small Cities grant payment in the amount of \$6,306.00.

Wolfington said the personnel committee met on the Fire Department's Officer stipend, which has not been increased for ten years. The following annual schedule was presented for Council consideration:

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| • Fire chief | \$3,900 | |
| • 1 st Assistant Chief | \$1,000 | |
| • 2 nd Assistant Chief | \$1,000 | |
| • Captain | \$ 750 | |
| • Lieutenant | \$ 750 | |
| • Secretary | \$1,000 | |
| • Training Officer (new position) | \$ 500 | per year based upon completed drill schedule |

After discussion it was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the stipend adjustment as presented.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the February 2015 Bills and Warrants in the amount of \$364,157.65.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk