

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Gary Landmark, Ben Hess, Sue Fitz, Mike Fugleberg & Paul Kittelson. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington and Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Swift County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver, Boy Scout Leaders and Scouts – Mike Foresberg, Bryan Staton, Steve Orbeck, Nick Collins, Zack Station, Adam Forsberg, Jacob Webster and Kristin & Aiden Molden.

Wolfington introduced new Swift County Administrator Mike Pogge-Weaver to the Council. Mayor Kittelson welcomed him to the area.

Wolfington acknowledged the local Boy Scouts Troop attending the meeting today, in order to obtain their citizenship badge.

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

- March 18, 2013 City Council Meeting
- January 17, 2013 EDA Meeting
- March 14, 2013 Safety Committee Meeting.

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the following licenses effective April 1, 2013:

Roller Skating License:
Svor's Family Roller Rink

Garbage Collection License:
Mattheisen Disposal

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

It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to appoint Robyn Dehne to the Park Board and Benson Area Tourism Board, and to appoint Berent Klemm to the Park Board and Benson Area Tourism Board with a terms all ending 12/31/2015.

The Mayor acknowledged openings on boards and commissions.

The Council reviewed information from Countryside Public Health on the Tobacco Compliance Summary information.

The City Manager and Rick Horecka will be attending the International Biomass Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota April 8-10, 2013, and the ICMA Regional Conference in Bloomington April 4-5, 2013.

Carol Gilbertson's water break at her property at 503 – 14th St. S. was reviewed, along with her request to forgive the bill. Nelson investigated the property. He said there was some ice outside the building, but his investigation revealed several water breaks in the building, and felt most of the water went down the sewer drain in the floor of the building. Nelson said in his judgment, no more than about 10% went out the door, and it was his recommendation the property owner pay all of the water bill, and a 10% reduction be made on the sewer portion of the utility bill. After discussion, it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to require Ms. Gilbertson to pay the entire water charge portion on her utility bill, and a 10% reduction to the sewer portion of her utility bill.

Nelson informed the Council engineers are in the process of receiving bids for manganese removal at the water treatment plant, and he should have the bid results ready for the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve pay request #3 to Everstrong Construction for the airport hangar in the amount of \$54,381.52. Nelson said all four slots are spoken for in the new hangar.

Finance Director Pederson approached the Council to review suggested changes to be made to the Utility Billing Ordinance. He said when Hometown Connections were here they had a list of suggested changes for our utility billing procedures. Pederson reviewed the proposed changes to the ordinance. After discussion, it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the 1st Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 50: Utilities.

Wolfington updated the Council on the Chief of Police search. He said they are in the process of receiving all the background and psychological evaluations back on the finalist, and hope to make an employment offer to him yet this week. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to direct staff to negotiate the employment agreement once all the reports come back satisfactorily.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk