

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
BENSON SWIMMING POOL
JUNE 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Councilmember Evenson. Members present: Terri Collins, Jack Evenson & Jonathon Pogge-Weaver. Members Absent: Gary Landmark & Stephanie Heinzig. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens & Police Chief Ian Hodge.

Councilmember Evenson asked for any additions to the agenda to which there were none. No Consent Agenda items were moved to the regular agenda. A motion was made by Pogge-Weaver, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the agenda. It was moved by Collins, Seconded by Pogge-Weaver and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- June 6, 2016 City Council Minutes
- May 2, 2016 Planning Commission Minutes
- June 2, 2016 Safety Committee Minutes
- April 27, 2016 Cemetery Board Minutes
- Noted Swift County-Benson Hospital Auxiliary Golf Outing
- Request to bury all electrical service from Ken Sharp
- May 2016 Police Report

There was no one present with unscheduled business.

Wolfington said the Benson Airport has not spent all of its available federal airport improvement program funds for 2013. The City of Windom needs money for their pending airport project. Wolfington said we could transfer our 2013 funds to the City of Windom, then the City of Windom would in turn return the \$50,000 to Benson in 2017. After discussion, it was moved by Pogge-Weaver, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the Federal Airport Funding Repayment Agreement with the City of Windom.

Pederson explained to the Council his earlier request to transfer birth and death records from our vault to the Swift County Historical Society was denied by the Minnesota Historical Society because of privacy concerns. The records however could be transferred to the State Archives who would then be responsible for allowing or denying access. After discussion it was moved by Collins, seconded by Pogge-Weaver and carried unanimously to approve transferring those records to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Wolfington presented a request from Steve Claussen of Willmar Fabrication for tax abatement at their manufacturing building they wish to update at 2205 Hall Avenue. It was moved by Pogge-Weaver, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to have staff investigate and determine their eligibility for tax abatement.

Gens and Wolfington discussed replacement of the fuel tank at the power plant. Andy Koob with DGR Engineering stated he is ready to go out for bids. It was moved by Collins, seconded by Pogge-Weaver and carried unanimously to authorize going out for bids, and to set the bid date for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 1:30 P.M. It was moved by Pogge-Weaver, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to authorize advertising for Bids in the Swift County Monitor newspaper,

Next Chief Hodge discussed psych transports and how using the ambulance with three crew members isn't economical and the passenger vehicle they currently use is beyond its useful life. He

proposed donating the 2010 Ford Explorer police vehicle recently taken out of service to the Swift County-Benson Hospital for 2 years to be used as the psych transfer vehicle. At the end of 2 years, it would be returned to the City, and Swift County would then take a turn and donate a vehicle. It was moved by Collins, seconded by Pogge-Weaver and carried unanimously to donate the 2010 Police Ford Explorer to the Swift County-Benson Hospital with the aforementioned conditions.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Pogge-Weaver and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$406,628.82.

Next Wolfington and Gens took the Council on a tour of the mechanical rooms of the Swimming Pool and explained the operations.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Pogge-Weaver, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Councilmember

City Clerk