

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Paul Kittelson, Mike Fugleberg, Jack Evenson, Sue Fitz & Stephanie Heinzig. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Police Chief Ian Hodge, Golf Club President Brian Samuelson, Golf Course Groundskeeper Sally Jones, Ron Hanson, Robyn Dehne and Pat Duffy.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- July 6, 2015 City Council Minutes
- June 1, 2015 Planning Commission Minutes

Wolfington presented information on the Missouri River Energy Services Municipal Power Leadership Academy, taking place on September 16-17 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He said it is a good orientation.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for Northern Lights Trails on November 20, 2015.

Next Ron Hanson and Robyn Dehne approached the Council representing the Benson B.A.C. K. (Benson Area Cares 4 Kids) Pack Program. This program is sponsored by the Benson Ministerium. They are requesting funds to send food home for kids over the weekend that normally wouldn't get fed on the weekends. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to deny the request. The vote was recorded as follows: AYES: Evenson, Heinzig, Kittelson, Fitz NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Fugleberg.

Hodge approached the Council with the June 2015 Police report.

Pat Duffy had a concern about the traffic on 10th St. S. He said there are no stop signs from Pacific Avenue all the way to Oakwood Avenue, and some cars drive by pretty fast. He is concerned about all the kids living along that street and the possibility of someone getting hurt. Wolfington discussed the traffic study the City conducted several years ago that laid out proposed stop signs for the City. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to bring the traffic study to the Planning Commission for review at the August 3, 2015 meeting for their recommendation.

Next was a request from Triple Strike for a refund of their liquor license. They were looking to purchase the Benson Bowler, but no deal was reached. After discussion it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve pro-rating the refund for eleven months in the amount of \$962.50.

Wolfington presented a letter from Charter Communications notifying us of a possible pro forma transfer of control if they merge and purchase other cable entities. The service will not change for residents in our area. They are looking for a resolution of approval from the Council. Wolfington said our attorney is drawing up a letter and resolution.

Gens approached the Council with a report from the Minnesota Department of Health, which provided results of lead & copper tap water monitoring for Benson. All the homes sampled had not exceeded the acceptable lead level. Some of the homes have exceeded copper levels. Gens explained with our new facility we are now seeing this because of poly phosphorous in the water, which he believes is causing copper to leach from the pipes in the homes sampled. We have made changes to the chemicals and hope this will come back into compliance.

Next bids were reviewed from July 17 for the Golf Course irrigation project. Samuelson and Jones approached the Council and discussed the bids. After discussion it was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the bid from Midwest Irrigation of Illinois, LLC in the amount of \$224,800.00.

Wolfington presented a letter from Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) discussing the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Drought Adder Program. WAPA is notifying customers that the preliminary review resulted in no estimated changes for 2016.

Next was a memo from Pioneerland Library System requesting an increase in funding. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the requested 3% funding increase to Pioneerland Library System for 2016.

There was a pay request from Kue Contractors for the addition at the street garage. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve pay request #1 to Kue Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$8,387.00.

The Council reviewed the June Budget Report.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$692,699.85.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to set a public hearing on August 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to review the recent Small Cities Grant program.

Wolfington conducted a conference call with Jackie Anderson from the Upper Minnesota Valley Rural Development Commission (UMVRDC). She discussed with the Council applying for a new round of Small Cities Grants for 2016. There was discussion on how to make our application competitive. She stated the application process takes about a year. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve a contract with the UMVRDC to proceed with the application process for a new round of Small Cities Grants for 2016.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Fugleberg, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Manager