

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JULY 7, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Mayor. Members present: Paul Kittelson, Mike Fugleberg, Jack Evenson, Stephanie Heinzig & Sue Fitz. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Director of Public Works Dan Gens and Assistant City Attorney Ben Wilcox.

Fitz made a correction to the June 16, 2014 City Council meeting which will be amended and brought back to the next City Council Meeting for review.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve a Special Use Permit to dispose septic tank sludge into the Wastewater facility.

Wolfington acknowledged a thank-you from Swift County Human Services for pool passes for their clients.

Next was a conditional Use Permit from Glacial Plains Cooperative for a diesel fueling station across the street to the south from the current Glacial Plains Convenience Store. Fitz reviewed the public hearing held at the Planning Commission today at noon. She stated there was a neighbor that was in favor of the new station. A Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law from Wilcox was presented. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the Conditional Use permit for Glacial Plains Cooperative to build a diesel fueling station.

Wolfington reviewed correspondence from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency noting the City's completion of corrective actions for notice of violation at the Wastewater treatment plant, and bio-solids land application approvals.

Next was a quote for 4,000 gallons of aviation fuel. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve Dooley's Petroleum aviation fuel quote in the amount of \$4.923 per gallon which was the only quote received.

Next Wolfington presented an amendment to the grant agreement for Airport Maintenance and Operation state fiscal year 2014 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The state was awarded an increase in spending authority from the State Legislature to be used for grants awarded for airport development projects and the maintenance and operations grant program. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the amendment to the Airport Maintenance and Operation agreement fiscal year 2014.

Next was a pay request from DGR Engineering for engineering services of the overhead to underground project. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from DGR Engineering in the amount of \$17,135.00.

Wolfington informed the Council that Great River Energy will be doing a planned electrical outage to make repairs on October 6, 2014, then again on October 10, 2014 for 2- 3 hours each day. The City will generate at these times.

Wolfington said the Cemetery lots are filling up, and the Cemetery board feels it is important to expand the cemetery at this time. The City will need help with survey work. Wolfington explained we need to plan how many graves the expansion will yield, along with a plan for a columbarium. A proposal from Landteam was presented with a scope of work. The Council discussed and reviewed the proposal. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve Landteam Inc.'s estimated proposal in the amount of \$17,970.00.

Wolfington noted the next City Council Meeting will be held in the ACMC clinic meeting room.

Next Wolfington discussed a report from City Building Official Mike Jacobson on an inspection he made of the structure on the Community Sign. He noted the posts are rotting and some boards are missing. Wolfington said the School has shown interest in participating in the cost for a sign replacement. There was question on who would control the sign if both the City and School had use of the sign. There is nothing budgeted this year for sign replacement.

Wolfington said the legislature authorized the issuance of grants for up to \$750,000 that would qualify for funding of roads that will impact safety or routes of regional significance. Wolfington feels Gusty's road meets both criteria, and feels it's worth applying for.

Wolfington shared a phone call the City received from a Veteran and his family that were passing through town last week, and saw the Park's department raising the large flag in the park. They were impressed with the crew and complimented them on the flag etiquette the young seasonal workers displayed.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk