

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Mayor. Members present: Mike Fugleberg, Ben Hess, Gary Landmark, Paul Kittelson & Sue Fitz. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Barb & Brad Amundson, Stephanie Heinzig, Dennis Laumeyer, Jack Evenson, Mark Anderson, and Don Lenz

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

- September 9, 2013 City Council Meeting
- August 5, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting
- August 15, 2013 EDA Meeting
- September 9, 2013 Benson Public Library Meeting

Next there was an application from Bill McGeary for the Park Board. It was moved by Fitz, Seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Bill McGeary to the Park Board, with his term ending December 31, 2015.

The Mayor acknowledged openings on the Park Board, Airport Commission, Planning Commission and Benson Area Tourism Board.

Superintendent Dennis Laumeyer, from School District #777 presented information on the proposed Operating Levy Referendum for the November 5, 2013 election.

Wolfington discussed a Conflict of Interest Worksheet that needed to be filled out by any Councilmember that has applied for the current Small Cities Grant.

Don Lenz asked the Council if there were any updates on his request to the City to extend sewer and water service out to a building he would like to build on a lot outside of the city limits. Wolfington presented a map of 9 properties in the area that could be served by these extensions. Water could be put in on one side of the road and sewer on the other side. Wolfington estimated the project could be done, but it would cost \$150,00 - \$200,000 for the project itself. Engineering costs would cost at least \$15,000. If the project is to move forward, first the property owners have to agree, an annexation of those properties must take place, and there will then be assessments for the project to each property owner. Wolfington said a forced annexation is not recommended, and suggested a guarantee of the new business building before proceeding. After discussion it was the consensus of the Council, to have a representative of the Council meet with Torning Township Chairman Al Saunders and the City Manager to discuss the matter.

Pederson presented a revised Electric Fund Budget. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the revised Electric Fund Budget as presented.

Pederson then presented the August 2013 Budget Report.

Pederson presented bills and warrants for August 2013. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$800,745.66.

At 6:07 p.m., the Council then moved to the Heartland Express bus, and toured the following projects: The demolition site of the old water treatment plant, power plant, Highway 9 west storm sewer replacement under the railroad tracks, a drainage project in Hawleywood Third Addition, the old Standard Lumber building demolition site, the new parking area by the creamery building and the new clinic. The Council returned to the Council Chambers at 7:14p.m.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Fugleberg, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk