

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Anne Johnson. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, and Public Works Director Elliot Nelson.

The Mayor announced that the purpose of the meeting was to consider raising the preliminary property tax levy for payable 2009 property taxes. The City Manager and Finance Director reviewed the tax capacity and market value numbers with the Council and recommended raising our preliminary levy to the maximum.

Council Member Landmark offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED PROPOSED 2008 PROPERTY
TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE IN 2009
(RESOLUTION NO. 2008-19)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Benson, County of Swift, Minnesota that the following proposed sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2009, upon the taxable property in the City of Benson, for the following purposes:

General Fund Levy	\$393,132
Claussen Properties II Abatement	12,000
Police Personnel	501,302
Library Fund Levy	89,657
G.O. Capital Street Equipment 2006	<u>39,296</u>
Total	\$1,035,387

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sum of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2009, based upon the market value of the taxable property in the City of Benson, for the following purpose:

G.O. Swimming Pool	<u>79,247</u>
Total	\$79,247

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Benson City Council Chambers. A continuation hearing, if necessary, will be held at the same time and location on Monday, December 22, 2008.

Council Member Fitz seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Fitz, Claussen, Kittelson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Johnson. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2008-19 duly passed and adopted.

The City Manager reported that he would like to have the preliminary engineering work done to the sidewalk on the north side of Atlantic Avenue between 15th Street and 11th Street in order to be ready to proceed with the project in 2009. He estimated this work to cost between

\$3,000 and \$4,000. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to authorize the expenditure.

The City Manager reported that Phase I of the Small Cities Grant Application had been approved which allows us to proceed with Phase II.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk