

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Ben Hess, Bob Claussen, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: Gary Landmark. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Police Chief Jim Crace, Larry Wepplo, Patty Grube, and Joe Sullivan.

There was no one with unscheduled business to come before the Council.

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

- a. May 17, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. April 26, 2010 SCBH Board Meeting

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- a. SCBH Auxiliary dated 6.1.10. It was moved by Hess and seconded by Claussen to approve sponsoring a flag for their annual golf outing at a cost of \$150. Member Fitz abstained.
- b. MPCA dated 5.12.10 RE: Fibrominn having no air quality violations.
- c. MRES RE: Transmission System Assessment for the MRES Membership
- d. Benson Youth For Christ. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize the blocking of Kansas Avenue for a block party on July 11 from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The Police Chief requested authorization to purchase a 2010 Ford Explorer V-6 model to replace one of the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria patrol vehicles. He informed the Council that he budgeted for this purchase and there is money in the Police Department Capital Improvement Fund. He presented a state bid from Elk River Ford Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$22,895.40 and a bid from Nolan Baker Ford, Kerkhoven, MN in the amount of \$22,467.25. He recommended purchasing the vehicle from Nolan Baker Ford. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer from Nolan Baker Ford, Kerkhoven, MN in the amount of \$22,467.25.

Patty Grube and Larry Wepplo from Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing presented the 2009 Audit. It was noted that the City received a clean opinion with no management recommendations being made.

Joe Sullivan, Attorney with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) briefed the Council on what happened at the 2010 legislative session, LGA, CGMC Summer and Fall Meetings, and what the CGMC has accomplished for greater Minnesota cities.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve entering into an agreement with Stony Ridge Foods to assess them for the cost to construct a sanitary sewer line and necessary pump equipment to serve their business. The assessment will be for five years at an interest rate of 6% per annum.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that staff is proposing to replace the street signs along Highways 9, 12, and 29 to comply with Federal regulations on reflectivity

standards. He presented the following two quotes from M-R Sign, Fergus Falls, MN for the highway signs as well as some miscellaneous signs:

Quote #: 5449	\$2,629.32
Quote #: 5461	\$6,266.34

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of signs from M-R Sign, Fergus Falls, MN in the amount of \$8,895.66.

The City Manager presented a proposed Revision 3 of Exhibit C to Contract No. 90-BAO-513 between Western Area Power Administration and the City. Ray Wahle from MRES recommended that the City approve this revision. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the proposed Revision 3 of Exhibit C to Contract No. 90-BAO-513.

The City Manager informed the Council that an unannounced OSHA inspection was conducted recently. The City was cited for three violations (one in the Street Department and two in the Fire Department) in the amount of \$450. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to authorize paying the fine of \$450.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk