

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Anne Johnson, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Chief of Police Jim Crace and Officer Josiah Puckett.

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

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

- a. August 3, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. July 23, 2009 Benson EDA Meeting
- c. July 20, 2009 Benson Planning Commission Meeting
- d. July 8, 2009 Benson HRA Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Coalition of Greater MN Cities 2010 Dues Assessment. Motion was made by Claussen seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve.
- b. Benson Women of Today requesting the rental fee on the Armory be waived. No action was taken.
- c. Reviewed a loss control survey submitted by the League of MN Cities.

Motion was made by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for Northern Lights Trails to hold a raffle on December 4, 2009.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation by summer intern Krysta Connolly on her work with the GPS equipment. Among the things she worked on were the water system, city signage and the PAPI lights at the airport.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that the 2009 Bituminous Work bids were opened on August 13th. The following four quotes were received:

Riley Bros. Construction	\$84,459.60
Lakes Area Paving & Striping	\$87,000.00
Duininck, Inc.	\$107,880.00
Central Specialties	\$106,122.60

Motion was made by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to accept the bid of \$84,459.60 from Riley Bros. Construction.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the First Reading of A MOTORIZED GOLF CART AND MINI TRUCK USE ON ROADWAYS ORDINANCE.

Police Chief Jim Crace introduced new Police Officer Josiah Puckett to the Council who welcomed him to the community. The agenda item for the resolution was removed as no action was needed.

Motion was made by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$317,730.00.

At 5:50 the Mayor recessed the meeting to go on a bus tour of City projects. These included the new substation, Mckinney Ave street reconstruction, Fibrominn Lift Station, Mini Golf site, Swimming Pool, Golf Course Water Well, Atlantic Avenue sidewalk project and the alley near Agvise.

At 6:46 the Council reconvened in the City Council Chambers.

Motion was made by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to correct the August 3, 2009 City Council Minutes to state that all eight properties in the block north of Elizabeth Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets would have underground services installed.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk