

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Ben Hess, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Finance Director Glen Pederson, and Public Works Director Elliot Nelson.

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

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

- a. March 1, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. February 10, 2010 Benson HRA Meeting
- c. February 25, 2010 Benson HRA Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Gene Weber RE: Request to waive special assessments. After discussion, there was a consensus of the Council to invite Mr. Weber to the next City Council meeting to discuss his request.
- b. Benson 2009 Annual Safety Summary. This was informational with no action taken.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the following liquor licenses effective April 13, 2010 contingent upon receiving the necessary paperwork:

Club On-Sale Liquor License:
Benson VFW

Sunday Liquor License:
Benson VFW
Benson Bowler
Benson Golf Club
Duffy's Bar and Grill
McKinney's on Southside

Off-Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage License:
Holiday Stationstore, Inc.

On-Sale Liquor License:
Benson Bowler
Benson Golf Club
Duffy's Bar and Grill
Mi Mexico
McKinney's on Southside

Sidewalk Café Permit
Duffy's Bar and Grill

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the following licenses effective April 1, 2010:

Rollerskating License:
Svor's Family Roller Rink

Garbage Collection License:
Mattheisen Disposal

Sewer Tap License:
Grossman Plumbing and Heating
Hawley's Inc.
Craig's Refrigeration

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a Special Use Permit to allow disposing of septic tank sludge and holding tank sewage into the Benson Wastewater Facility for 2010 to Harry's Pumping Service Inc., Alexandria, MN.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to not reimburse Golden Living-Meadow Lane Nursing Home to have their sprinkler system inspected after the water tower ran low on water.

The City Manager informed the Council that Head Librarian Renee Dougherty has submitted her letter of resignation and reviewed the process to fill the position. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter addressed to the Pioneerland Library System stating the City's support of retaining the Benson Head Librarian position.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to reappoint Barb Nelson to represent the City on the Pioneerland Library Board.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that the following three quotes were received for the purchase of the 1995 Ford Bucket Truck:

Bidder	Total Bid
T.A. Lauritsen, Montevideo, MN	\$13,100.77
Shawn Davis, Luverne, MN	\$12,500.00
Jeff Mortenson, Madison, MN	\$15,100.00

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to accept the quote from Jeff Mortenson to purchase the 1995 Ford Bucket Truck in the amount of \$15,100.

The City Manager reviewed information from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources regarding flood management.

The City Manager informed the Council that staff recently met with representatives from Case New Holland regarding the leaking roof at the Civic Center. Staff is proceeding with repairs to the civic center roof and installation of a roof over the entrance door and loading dock unless any opposition is expressed. Consensus was to proceed with the project as discussed.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Ziegler Caterpillar for generator maintenance from March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011 in the amount of \$19,800.00.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that staff is planning to conduct the Spring Clean-Up program April 28-30. He informed the Council that Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) is going to have a rebate program for freezers, refrigerators and room air conditioners. When a resident comes in to purchase a tag for these appliances, staff will inform them about the MRES program. There was a consensus of the Council to proceed with the program similar to last year but to not advertise it as a clean-up program.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$432,539.45.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Mayor