

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2008**

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, Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Police Chief Jim Crace, Krysta Connolly and Jon Hawley.

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 4, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. June 9, 2008 Benson Park Board Meeting
- c. July 11, 2008 Benson EDA Meeting
- d. July 9, 2008 Benson HRA Meeting
- e. July 17, 2008 Safety Committee Meeting
- f. June 16, 2008 UMVRDC Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. MN House of Representatives dated August 11, 2008 Re: Police Chief appointment to the legislative Working Group on Controlled Substance Laws
- b. Prom AfterBash dated August 14, 2008 - It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to waive the rental fee for use of the armory for the Prom AfterBash party on April 25, 2009.

Jon Hawley, representing the Benson Racquet and Fitness Center, informed the Council that the Fitness Center has been able to maintain a good number of members and they will continue soliciting for additional members. He informed the Council that the furnace needs to be replaced before the next heating season and he asked for the Council for the \$4,000 needed to purchase the furnace. There was a consensus to table action on the request until the next Council meeting.

Krysta Connolly gave a power point presentation on the progress she has made over this past summer working with the GPS equipment.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve entering into a Cooperative Agreement for the Small Cities Development Program Application between the City of Benson and Swift County Townships of Benson, Clontarf, Six Mile Grove, and Torning.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve entering into a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of St. Paul, MN for the Benson Police Department to provide public safety support for the 2008 Republican National Convention.

The Benson Police Chief presented a request to approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the police department. The following two bids were received:

Monticello Ford/Mercury
Monticello, MN

Make: Ford
Model: Crown Victoria - Police Interceptor
Engine: 4.6 liter V-8 / Flex Fuel
Price: \$21,298

Nelson Auto Center
Fergus Falls, MN

Make: Dodge
Model: Durango – 4 x 4
Engine: 4.7 liter V-8 / Flex Fuel
Price: \$22,618

After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the Dodge Durango, 4x4, from Nelson Auto Center in the amount of \$22,618.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that the large boiler for the main pool needs to be replaced. Staff is looking at alternative means to heat the water. They will keep the Council informed.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize staff to advertise for bids for the electric line crossing with the bids to be opened at 2:00 p.m. on September 10, 2008.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that the following bids were received on August 14, 2008 for the Benson Lift Station Modifications:

Bidder	Total Base Bid	Alternative Pump Manufacturer	Alternate Control Panel Supplier
R.L. Larson Excavating	\$335,563.50	No Bid	No Bid
Geislinger & Sons, Inc.	\$458,469.00	No Bid	No Bid
Gridor Constr., Inc.	\$478,645.00	No Bid	No Bid
Quam Constr. Co., Inc.	\$481,062.50	KSB Deduct -\$4,000.00	QCI Deduct -\$25,000.00

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the bid from R.L. Larson Excavating in the amount of \$335,563.50.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Real Estate by the City of Benson, Minnesota, A Municipal Corporation, To Christopher Larson contingent upon the County issuing Mr. Larson a conditional use permit to allow construction of a house on this property.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Harold K. Scholz Co., for the Substation Construction Project in the amount of \$103,603.95.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve five pay requests from Bonestroo for professional services from 6.28.08 to 7.19.08 in the amount of \$16,286.83 (\$1,188.50 for City of Benson - General, \$1,125.95 for Water Supply & Distribution Plan, \$468.00 for Water Well Test Drilling, \$13,504.38 for Benson Lift Stations.

Item #15, Review Bids for 2008 Concrete Project, was removed from the agenda.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve payment of the bills and warrants in the amount of \$428,172.75.

The Finance Director reviewed the budget report through July 31, 2008 with the Council.

The Finance Director presented an invoice for 400 load management units that were delivered last Friday. After discussion it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$72,800.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk