

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 23, 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, Larry Wepplo, and Patty Grube.

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

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

- a. June 2, 2008 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. May 12, 2008 Benson Park Board Meeting
- c. May 14, 2008 Benson HRA Meeting
- d. April 28, 2008 SCBH Board Meeting
- e. June 2, 2008 Benson Planning Commission Meeting
- f. March 17, 2008 Benson Area Tourism Board Meeting
- g. April 21, 2008 UMVRDC Meeting

The City Manager mentioned that in the Park Board minutes, the Park Board recommended removing the mini golf course at Ambush Park. Staff should be able to remove the mini golf course later this summer unless he hears otherwise from the Council.

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. MnDOT Office of Aeronautics dated June 4, 2008 - Regarding status of airport funding for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009.
- b. Swift County-Benson Hospital Auxiliary dated June 2, 2008 – It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to sponsor a hole for their annual golf fundraiser in the amount of \$150.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to appoint Erna Koloski to fill a vacancy on the Benson HRA Board with her term expiring December 31, 2009.

Larry Wepplo and Patty Grube from Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing presented the 2007 Audit.

Review and Approval of the Cottage Square Final Plat was postponed because the City has not received the final plat yet.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the Local Permit to Construct the 115 kV Electric Transmission Line.

The City Manager informed the Council that a letter was received from the Swift County Humane Society expressing that they were in support of the proposed amendment to Chapter 90: Animals and that the amendment would have minimal impact upon the Humane Society. It was

moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 90: Animals.

The Water Well Test Drilling was postponed to the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Steffl Drilling and Pump for the Water Well Test Drilling Project in the amount of \$2,129.29.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Bonestroo for services rendered 11.25.07 through 5.31.08 in the amount of \$3,020:

- a. Water Supply and Distribution Plan - \$930
- b. Northeast Storm Water Management Plan - \$1,125
- c. Water Well Test Drilling - \$965

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING FARES
FOR BENSON HEARTLAND EXPRESS
(RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Benson, Minnesota resolves:

In Section 3 of the Benson Rate Resolution that the following Benson Heartland Express Fares are hereby established with adoption of this resolution:

Regular One-Way Fare	\$ 1.00
Senior Citizen One-Way Fare	\$ 1.00
Regular Token Package	\$ 5.00 [6 rides]
Senior Citizen Token Package	\$ 5.00 [8 rides]
Regular One Month Pass	\$25.00
Senior Citizen One Month Pass	\$22.00
Regular Three Month Pass	\$70.00
Senior Citizen Three Month Pass	\$60.00
Individual Summer Youth Pass	\$37.50
Max. Family Summer Youth Pass	\$80.00

Council Member Claussen seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Claussen, Fitz, Johnson, Kittelson. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2008-10 duly passed and adopted.

The City Manager informed the Council that construction has started on Industry Drive. He informed the Council that staff is looking at constructing a 2" edge on the new asphalt and adding a 2" edge to the paved portion instead of installing curb and gutter. This decision will depend on the pricing received in the bidding process.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$656,134.27.

Member Landmark brought up having one meeting a month during the summer months.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk