

**MINUTES – BENSON CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: One vacancy. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Public Works Elliot Nelson, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Rob Lee, Mark Schreck, and Diane Trew.

There was no one present 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. June 25, 2007 City Council Meeting
- b. June 4, 2007 SCBH Board Meeting
- c. June 13, 2007 Prairie Country RC & D Council Meeting
- d. June 25, 2007 Benson Library Board Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence:

- a. MRES dated June 28, 2007 RE: Proposed 2008 WAPA Increase
- b. Order for Repair or Removal of Hazardous Building at 516 – 15th Street North

The City Manager and Rob Lee and Mark Schreck from the Benson Fire Department came before the Council to discuss the Vehicle Exhaust Removal System for the Fire Hall. The Council was informed that Air Tech was left off the bidder's list. The City Manager recommended that award of the bids be delayed one week to allow time for the City Attorney to review the bidding process to determine if there was an error and if so how to proceed. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to postpone the bid award until the July 16, 2007 special City Council meeting.

The City Manager informed the Council that the following bids were received for two City properties:

Parcel #23-0049-000 (vacant lot at Utah Ave. and 11th St. No.)

Bidder: George & Eleanor McGovern **Bid Amount:** \$15,100

Parcel #23-0640-000 (vacant lot at Montana Ave. and 11th St. No.)

Bidder: Gerald Kurkosky **Bid Amount:** \$5,000

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to award the bid for Parcel #23-0049-000 to George and Eleanor McGovern.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to not accept the bid from Gerald Kurkosky for Parcel #23-0640-000 because he did not meet the advertised requirements.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to re-advertise for bids for Parcel #23-0640-000 omitting the requirement that the lot is to be used for a residential structure and reduce the minimum bid to \$5,000.

The City Manager informed the Council that cleanup is required because of the herbicide spill that occurred on June 12, 2007 on land the City purchased from the railroad in 2002. The City is waiting for the written report on the City well samples.

The City Manager informed the Council that the bid opening for the 2007 Capital Improvement Program for a Hangar and Fueling System at the Benson Airport has been moved back one week. The bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 16, 2007.

The City Manager informed the Council that the bid opening for the Benson Substation has also been moved back one week to 2:00 p.m. on July 18, 2007.

The Public Works Director updated the Council on the following public works projects:

1. Downtown mill and overlay
2. Pump at the Golf Course pump house
3. Parks Department

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from T & S Concrete Construction in the amount of \$34,810.56.

During discussion of the Second Reading of the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 93, Nuisances, the Council discussed sign regulations. During that discussion, it was recommended that Item (D) Signs and Other Structures under Chapter 93.14 Obstructions on Public Property be omitted. It was moved by Claussen and seconded by Landmark to approve the Second Reading of An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 93, Nuisances with the omission of Item D under Chapter 93.14. The following vote was recorded: AYES: Claussen, Landmark, Kittelson. NAYS: Fitz. ABSENT: One Vacancy.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk