

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, and Chief of Police Jim Crace.

There was no one under 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. August 17, 2009 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. September 1, 2009 Special City Council Meeting
- c. August 13, 2009 Benson Safety Committee Meeting
- d. August 20, 2009 Benson EDA Meeting
- e. July 27, 2009 Hospital Board Meeting
- f. August 12, 2009 Benson HRA Meeting

The City Manager reviewed the following correspondence with the Council:

- a. Greater Minnesota Council AFSCME Council 65 RE: Notice to Negotiate
- b. Benson Prom AfterBash dated 8.20.09. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to waive the fee to use the Armory for the Prom Afterbash on 8.24.10.
- b. Benson Women of Today dated 8.7.09. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to waive the fee to use the Armory for the Annual Holiday Expo on 10.17.09.
- c. Greater Minnesota Environment Trust. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to not join this organization.

The City Manager reviewed the proposed 2010 General Fund Budget and Levy with the Council. Council Member Landmark offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010 FOR THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA  
(RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed Operating Budget for the City of Benson, Minnesota, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010 is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget is summarized as follows:

Revenues

Taxes - General Fund	\$1,098,558
Taxes - Library Fund	89,657
State Grants and Aids	996,645
Other Revenues	<u>995,975</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$3,180,835</b>

Expenditures

General Government	\$608,970
Public Safety	877,153
Highways, Streets and Roads	544,885
Parks and Recreation	340,910
Public Transit	149,350
Public Library	86,782
Capital Outlay	159,000
Other Expenditures	<u>174,151</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,941,201</b>

**Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures** **\$239,634**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager shall cause the entire Proposed Operating Budget to be printed and filed in the City Office for inspection and reference by the public.

Member Claussen seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Claussen, Fitz, Johnson, Kittelson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2009-20 duly passed and adopted.

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

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROPOSED 2009 PROPERTY  
TAX LEVY, COLLECTIBLE IN 2010  
(RESOLUTION NO. 2009-21)**

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Benson, County of Swift, Minnesota that the following proposed sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2010, upon the taxable property in the City of Benson, for the following purposes:

General Fund Levy	\$1,098,558
Claussen Properties II Abatement	12,000
Library Fund Levy	89,657
G.O. Capital Street Equipment 2006	<u>38,036</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,238,251</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following sum of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2010, based upon the market value of the taxable property in the City of Benson, for the following purpose:

G.O. Swimming Pool	<u>83,079</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$83,079</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing on Monday, December 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Benson City Council Chambers. Comments may be made by calling 320-843-4775 or by mail to 1410 Kansas Avenue, Benson, MN 56215.

Member Claussen seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Fitz, Claussen, Johnson, Landmark, Kittelson. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2009-21 duly passed and adopted.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to approve the Second Reading of A Motorized Golf Cart and Mini Truck use on Roadways Ordinance.

The City Manager informed the Council that the MRES T-1 Agreement and Facilities Lease Agreement have been suspended at this time.

The City Manager recommended that the Council authorize the purchase of new thermal pane sashes in the amount of \$5,296.51 and a door between the dining hall and meeting room in the amount of \$681.76 at the Senior Center. These improvements will help to reduce their utility costs. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously approve the purchases as recommended by the City Manager to be paid from the Electric Fund.

The Finance Director reviewed the Budget Report through July 31 and the amendments to the 2009 Water and Wastewater Budgets with the Council. It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the amendments to the 2009 Water and Wastewater Budgets as presented by the Finance Director.

The Public Works Director presented a proposal to install a flow meter and manhole downstream from the lift station at Fibrominn. The Engineer's estimate is \$22,500 with Fibrominn, North American Fertilizer and the City each paying one-third of the cost. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize staff to proceed with this project as presented by the Public Works Director.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$743,417.31.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to cancel the September 28, 2009 City Council meeting. The next City Council meeting will be October 5, 2009.

Member Fitz brought up the following:

- New sidewalk on Atlantic Ave. Some of the business owners were inquiring if there is something they can put on the sidewalk to protect it from the elements. The Public Works Director will research this and send a notice to the owners on what they can do.
- Sidewalk on west side of 1230 Atlantic Ave. is in poor condition. The Public Works Director informed her that they will be fixing this sidewalk.

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Johnson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk