

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Landmark. Members present: Terri Collins, Jack Evenson, Stephanie Heinzig, Gary Landmark & Lucas Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Police Chief Ian Hodge and Talia, Oscar and Eleanor Olson.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pederson reviewed and read the election judge report from the January 10 Special City Council Election. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to accept the report and declare the following results:

	<b>Precinct 15 North Side</b>	<b>Precinct 20 South Side</b>	<b>Total</b>
Registered Voters	978	920	1,892
Votes Cast	99	123	222
Percent Voter Turn-out			12%

**FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER  
To fill vacancy with a term ending the first Monday in January 2020**

	<b>Precinct 15 North Side</b>	<b>Precinct 20 South Side</b>	<b>Total</b>
Lucas B Olson	31	64	95
Brad Johnson	27	20	47
Mike Fugleberg	20	22	42
Larry Smith	21	16	37
Write-Ins	0	1	1
Over Votes	0	0	0
Under Votes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Votes	99	123	222

Lucas B Olson is duly elected to fill the vacancy with a term ending the first Monday of 2020.

Pederson proceeded to perform the Oath of Office with new Councilmember Lucas Olson.

Mayor Landmark asked for any additions to the agenda. Wolfington asked to add two pay requests to the agenda. No consent agenda items were moved to the regular agenda. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended. It was moved by Evenson, Seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- December 19, 2016 City Council Minutes
- January 3, 2017 City Council Minutes
- December 5, 2016 Planning Commission Minutes
- Doug Bangsund to the Park Board
- Pheasants Forever Swift County Gambling Application for March 4, 2017
- League of Minnesota Cities Upcoming Events
- Police Report

▪ Public Works Report

The Mayor asked for people with unscheduled business, to which there were none.

Wolfington presented a letter of request from the City of Mankato to support their efforts to work together with the MPCA's new phosphorus standards dealing with phosphorus pollution in the Minnesota River Basin. After discussion it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to send a letter of support.

Wolfington presented an invoice for the MnDOT road work the summer of 2017. It is due prior to April 3, 2017. It was moved by Collins, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the invoice in the amount of \$197,169.56.

Wolfington informed the Council of a tentative lawsuit settlement with the EPA between the State of Wyoming and the Missouri Basin Power Project (MBPP) concerning regional haze caused by MBPP's coal power plant.

There was an update on the demolition of the elevator by Wolfington. He stated there has been no DOT or Railroad permits applied for yet. The City has buried the electrical next to the elevator. The environmental study showed no asbestos in the building.

The agenda for the Strategic Planning Session scheduled for January 20-21, 2017 was reviewed. Bill Radio will facilitate the exercise.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the following Fire Department Officers for 2017:

Fire Chief – Jeff Reuss	1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant – Tom Ascherman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant – Dave Vollan	Captain – Robert Hoberg
Lieutenant – Eric Tolifson	Secretary – Tom Foley

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the following appointments:

Emergency Chain of Command	Gary Landmark Stephanie Heinzig Jack Evenson Terri Collins Lucas Olson
Economic Development Authority	Heinzig and Evenson
Fire Board	Landmark and Evenson
HRA	Landmark, Olson
Library Board	Collins
Liquor Committee	Collins and Heinzig
Park Board	Evenson and Landmark
Personnel Committee	Heinzig and Collins
Planning Commission	Evenson
President Pro-Tem	Heinzig
Utility Committee	Heinzig and Evenson
Facilities Committee	Heinzig and Evenson
Kid Day Committee	Heinzig and Evenson
Hospital Board	Collins
Blight Committee	Collins, Olson
Civil Cases: City Attorney	Don Wilcox
Civil Cases: Assistant City Attorney	Ben Wilcox

Wolfington approached the Council with the remaining budgets. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the Community Development Revolving Fund budget as presented.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the EDA budget as presented.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the Concrete Projects Fund budget as presented.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the Storm Water Fund budget as presented.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the Library Endowment Fund budget at presented.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the Perpetual Care Cemetery budget as presented.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the December 2016 bills and warrants in the amount of \$442,890.32

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the January 2017 bills and warrants in the amount of \$280,631.72.

It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve a pay request from Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association for the 2017 Electric Utility Member dues in the amount of \$5,773.00.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve a pay request #2 from Rosenbauer South Dakota, LLC for the Fire Department aerial quint in the amount of \$273,312.00.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor