

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
JANUARY 20-21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Landmark. City Council Members present: Gary Landmark, Terri Collins, Lucas Olson, Jack Evenson & Stephanie Heinzig. Council Members Absent: None. Also Present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Police Chief Ian Hodge, and facilitator Bill Radio.

Mr. Radio introduced himself to those in attendance and reviewed an agenda that he hoped to follow for this evenings and tomorrow mornings work sessions.

The group developed a list of accomplishments and disappointments from the previous year.

After breaking for dinner Mr. Wolfington led the group through a Benson By The Numbers exercise that highlighted various percentages and valuations.

After that activity was complete the meeting was recessed until 8:30 the following morning.

Mr. Radio welcomed the group back together on Saturday morning and continued to review the list of opportunities, two to four year plan and five to seven year plan from the previous day and attempted to prioritize them.

Issues identified as need further consideration included community partnership in Day Care, further discuss developing an assessment police for local improvements, and the future use of the Armory.

Discussion was held on facilities for the police department and city hall. Consensus was that there was not room for both uses on the Armory site but that it could possibly house city hall. Staff was directed to have the following available at the February 6 council meeting. 1. Negotiate a purchase agreement for the current Loen Electric building 2. A proposal for architectural services to renovate the Armory for City Hall. 3. Estimated cost to demolish the current city hall building.

The council liked the idea of having monthly topics at the end of council meetings to become familiar with projects and/or issues of interest.

There being no other business to come before the council the meeting was adjourned at 12:05.

Mayor

City Clerk