

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Paul Kittelson, Jack Evenson, Sue Fitz, Mike Fugleberg & Stephanie Heinzig. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Golf Club President Brian Samuelson, Golf Club Board Members Brady Olson, Mike Heinzig, Tom Traen, Jerry Peterson, Ron Vadnais, Luke Foslien & Bill Dethloff, Golf Course Grounds Keeper Sally Jones, Lindy Maanum, Kay & Bill Harrison, Mike & Julie Holte, Gary Landmark, Larry Smith, Dennis Minor and Tara Ulmaniec.

Mayor Kittelson discussed developing a TIF District on the re-zoned Hawley property on the north end of Benson. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to expedite creating a TIF District at Hawleywood 4<sup>th</sup> edition that was rezoned from R-1 to R-3 in June of 2015.

Samuelson introduced the current Golf Club Board and reviewed the history of memberships and rates. Jones took the Council out to the course and demonstrated the new irrigation system. Samuelson & Dethloff took the Council on a tour of the exterior of the Golf Club building. Engan & Associates looked at the condition of the club house and remodel, and estimated \$270,000 - \$380,000 to repair and upgrade the building.

Samuelson said next year, they will be offering grilled food only, and if any events book at the golf club, the food will be catered in, along with a room rent fee. He said the club house will be closed when the course closes for the winter.

Other items discussed were the mower replacement schedule, memberships, the line of credit and the predicted deficit for 2016. The board asked for direction from the Council on the Club house repairs and assistance with the monetary shortfall.

Wolfington discussed the management options and asked the Golf Course board to decide on their desired governance first.

Mayor Kittelson suggested the Council sit down and gain input from City staff, and will have a decision on possible assistance for the Golf Club at the October 19, 2015 meeting.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Fitz, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Manager