

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Paul Kittelson, Mike Fugleberg, Ben Hess, Sue Fitz, Gary Landmark. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Police Chief Mike Jambor, Police Sergeant Paul Larson and Police Officer Josiah Puckett.

There was no one with unscheduled business.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes on the consent agenda:

- October 1, 2012 City Council Meeting
- October 1, 2012 Regular Planning Commission Meeting
- September 27, 2012 Safety Committee Meeting

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to waive the Armory use fee for the Prom Afterbash event on April 27, 2013.

Wolfington reviewed a letter sent to Helen Flodstrom in reference to the variance at her property at 810 Kansas Avenue, and the process to allow the variance to be upheld.

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve payment for the last Small Cities Grant. This will allow the Swift County HRA to close out this grant.

Wolfington stated he would be attending the Flood Manager's Conference November 14-16, 2012 in Rochester, Minnesota.

Next the Council reviewed Police Chief Jambor's letter of resignation. Chief Jambor thanked the Council for their support while he was Chief. Mayor Kittelson thanked Jambor for serving the City of Benson. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to accept Chief Mike Jambor's resignation effective October 20th.

Landmark stated the personnel committee met, and said there will be a statewide search for a new Police Chief. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to appoint Sergeant Paul Larson as acting Police Chief in the interim beginning October 21st.

Next bids were reviewed for the demolition of the Benson Market South Elevator. The bids came in as follows: M.A.A.C., Inc. - \$54,000.00, T & K Kennedy Excavating - \$54,207.00, Riley Brothers Construction, Inc. - \$122,276.00, Quam Construction Co., Inc. - \$132,400.00 and ERSI - \$169,400.00. Wolfington reviewed the bids and recommended the low bid by M.A.A.C, Inc. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the low bid by M.A.A.C., Inc. in the amount of \$54,000.00.

Wolfington reviewed the results of the Northwest Flood Levee meeting. He has commitments from 22 of the 26 homeowners, and has not heard from the last 4. Of those who responded, fifty percent are for the project, and fifty percent not. There were questions from the Council about the project and how much more engineering will be involved. Wolfington stated he would like to hold a public hearing to give all parties involved a chance to be heard, before the Council would make a decision.

Council member Landmark offered the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENTS FOR FIRE SERVICE CHARGES
BY THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA FOR 2012 PAYABLE 2013
(RESOLUTION NO. 2012-26)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benson City Council that the following assessments for 2012 Fire Service Charges as prepared by the City Manager are hereby approved and made a part thereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessments hereinafter noted shall be submitted to the County Auditor on or before October 26, 2012 and placed on the tax roll for collection with the taxes collectable in 2013.

Charges	Name & Mailing Address	Legal Description & Parcel No.	Amount Due
Fire Call [Residential Smoke-False Alarm 316 – 16 th St. S.]	Nancy Moline ETAL C/O RL & Virginia Fredine 404 – 4 th Avenue NW Buffalo, MN 55313	Lot 3 Block 3 McKinney's 1 st Addn. 23-0417-000	\$350.00
TOTALS			\$350.00

Member Fugleberg seconded the foregoing motion and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Hess, Fitz, Landmark, Kittelson, Landmark NAYS: None. Whereupon Mayor Kittelson declared Resolution No. 2012-26 duly passed and adopted.

Council member Fitz offered the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER AND
SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF
BENSON, MINNESOTA FOR 2012 PAYABLE 2013
(RESOLUTION NO. 2012-27)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benson City Council that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 444 that the assessment roll for 2012 Sewer and Water Bills as prepared by the City Manager is hereby approved and made a part therefore; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessments hereinafter noted shall be submitted to the County Auditor on or before October 26, 2012 and placed on the tax roll for collection with the taxes collectable in 2013.

Account Number, Name & Address	Legal Description & Parcel No.	Sewer	Water	Totals
201-0093-00-02 313 16 th St. N. State Line Properties	Lot 2, Block 1 McKinney's 3 rd Addition 23-0503-000	\$122.50	\$96.76	\$219.26
202-0011-00-04 & 05 1700 Atlantic Avenue Jeremiah & Bonnie L. Johnson	Lots 1-4, Block 48 Morris & Payte's Addition 23-0305-000	\$206.22	\$148.16	\$354.38
202-0083-00-01 117 19 th St. N. Bob Wilson	Lot 1, Block 1 Alton Hume Addition 23-0763-000	\$187.20	\$128.32	\$315.52

302-0114-00-07 & 11 2104 Atlantic Avenue Gene Weber	Lots 8 & 9, Block 44 Morris & Payte's Addition 23-0282-000	\$93.16	\$63.81	\$156.97
303-0148-00-13 110 21 st St. S. Sierra Erickson	E 150' of outlot #2 23-0843-000	\$58.29	\$56.39	\$114.68
TOTALS		\$667.37	\$493.44	\$1,160.81

Member Hess seconded the foregoing motion and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Hess, Fitz, Landmark, Kittelson, Landmark NAYS: None. Whereupon Mayor Kittelson declared Resolution No. 2012-27 duly passed and adopted.

Council member Hess offered the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENTS FOR CURRENT SERVICES
BY THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA FOR 2012 PAYABLE 2013
(RESOLUTION NO. 2012-28)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benson City Council that the following assessments for 2012 as prepared by the City Manager are hereby approved and made a part thereof; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the assessments hereinafter noted shall be submitted to the County Auditor on or before October 26, 2012 and placed on the tax roll for collection with the taxes collectable in 2013.

Charges	Name & Mailing Address	Legal Description & Parcel No.	Amnt Due
Utility Pole Damage @ 712 – 12 th St. So.	Ryan Lee 713 – 12 th St. So., Benson	Lots 5-7, Block 2 Stone 2 nd Addn. 23-0572-000	\$730.00
Utility Pole Damage @ 706 – 11 th St. So.	Staton/WM/Etal C/O Dennis Staton 1611 Pacific Ave., Benson	Lots 6 & 7, Block 44, Morris & Paytes Addn. 23-0281-000	\$120.00
Mowing Charges @ 945 Kansas Ave.	Tonya & Larry Jackel 1215 – 9 th Ave. N., Sauk Rapids, MN	Lots 22-24, Block 6 City of Benson Addn. 23-0033-000	\$240.47
Mowing Charges @ 402 – 16 th St. S.	Stacy Grussing & John P. Larson 1620 Idaho Ave., Benson	Lot 1, Block 7 McKinney's 1 st Addn. 23-0450-000	\$320.63
Mowing Charges @ 313 – 16 th St. N.	State Line Properties LLP 214 – South 5 th St. Montevideo, MN 56265	Lot 2, Block 1 McKinney's 3 rd Addn. 23-0503-000	\$1,042.03
TOTALS			\$2,453.13

Member Fugleberg seconded the foregoing motion and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Hess, Fitz, Landmark, Kittelson, Landmark NAYS: None. Whereupon Mayor Kittelson declared Resolution No. 2012-28 duly passed and adopted.

The City Manager informed the Council that staff solicited for fuel bids for the City's fuel needs from November 1, 2012 to November 1, 2014. The following bids were received:

Glacial Plains Cooperative		
Unleaded Gasoline Self Service		\$3.719 per gallon
E-85 Fuel Self Service		\$3.079 per gallon
#2 Diesel Fuel Self Service		\$4.329 per gallon
Wintermaster Diesel Fuel Self Service		\$4.539 per gallon
#2 Premium Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel		\$4.439 per gallon
Full Transport Bulk		\$3.926 per gallon
One-Half Transport Bulk		\$3.926 per gallon

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a contract with Glacial Plains Cooperative to furnish the City’s fueling needs from November 1, 2012 to November 1, 2014.

There was a pay request from Stantec for work at the Water Treatment plant. It was moved by Fubleberg, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from Stantec in the amount of \$5,127.00.

Mayor Kittelson stated there was a friendly challenge at Contour Global between the employees and management over a Vikings – Redskins football game. Whoever lost would have to wear the other team’s colors at designated occasions. The Mayor stated he was in on the challenge, and therefore was wearing a Redskin cap, as the Vikings lost their game last Sunday. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to proclaim a future date Washington Redskin Day.

Landmark informed the Council the Park board met today at noon, and reviewed “Welcome to Benson” signs. They decided they needed a \$15,000 budget to put up two signs. They have a \$10,000 donation which will be applied to this project. The proposed locations of the signs are across from the Benson Swimming Pool on Highway 9 west, and on Highway 9 east by County Road 104. These locations were chosen because the City owns these properties. After reviewing pictures and plans, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to proceed with purchasing the signs out of the General Fund.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$458,676.27.

There being no other business, it was moved by Fitz seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Mayor

City Manager