

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Collins. Members present: Terri Collins, Jon Buyck, Lucas Olson, Jack Evenson & Mark Schreck. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Glen Pederson, Police Chief Ian Hodge, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Reed Anfinson, CEDA Representative Hillary Tweed and Baseball Association Representative Roger Ebnet.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for any changes to the agenda to which there were none. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- September 19, 2022 City Council Minutes
- July 25, 2022 Park Board Minutes
- Charter Communication Channel Changes
- Swimming Pool Refund Report
- MRES – Area Meetings Notice
- Pay Request to Diversified Foundations-E. Pacific Ave. Project-\$196,792.63-Bal. to Finish \$93,564.89
- Electronic Transfers:
September 22, 2022 - Payroll - \$89,535.13

There was no one with unscheduled business.

Ebnet and Gens approached the Council. Ebnet said the Baseball Association's old concession stand doesn't meet their needs as it has no water or sewer, is small and the Association has made several repairs to it. He said the Baseball Association has raised \$30,000 toward a new concession stand to include a unisex bathroom. They are having the school's trade class build the concession stand building on site. They would like to have sewer and water run to the new building. Ebnet said he recently attended the Park Board meeting, to which they were very receptive to this project. At the meeting, Gens said he would get an estimate of cost to run the utilities to the sewer and water. He estimated the cost to be \$47,500 plus cost for a plumber. He went on to say a new lift station will be needed. The water dig is expensive because they will be burying 6 feet deep which will allow the softball field and baseball field bathrooms to open earlier. Ebnet went on to present cement work he envisions for the area around the concession stand as well as cement access to the stands and bleachers, and provided an estimate for the work which totals \$13,130. Pederson said there is \$126,000 in the Park's Capital outlay budget right now. Of that amount, \$18,800 is earmarked for pool projects. The rest is available for parks capital outlay. Plus there is approximately \$300,000 in the 2023 budget for transfer to capital outlay which hasn't been divided up between the general fund budgets, so you could earmark an amount toward this project, but there is currently over \$100,000 in parks capital outlay. It was moved by Olson, seconded by Schreck to direct Gens to go out for quotes on the sewer and water extension to the new baseball association concessions. Schreck asked what additional asks will there be for this project. Ebnet said help with the cement as presented, but is not at the top of their priority list right now. The motion carried unanimously.

Pederson said Bob Laduke with Horizon Pool came out and conducted a walk around our swimming pool. He looked at the wading pool. The little slide is in desperate need of repair as well as the other two play features. Laduke said he could take these 3 features back to this facility this fall, refurbish

them, and bring them back in the spring. Pederson said an earlier quote to fix just the slide came in at \$11,000. He presented a proposal for the 3 play features for council consideration. Pederson said he had received an earlier quote to sandblast, refurbish the wading pool surface and tile work which came in at \$80,000, which would give 10-15 years of new life to the wading pool. He went on to say he has \$60,000 earmarked for this type of project for next year at the pool. Pederson said the Park Board did not consider the \$80,000 quote, but did recommend to Council to proceed with the quote for refurbishing the play features. After discussion it was moved by Buyck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the quote from Horizon Pool for the play feature restoration in the amount of \$12,990.

Next were two pay requests from T & K Kennedy. Pederson said we should be reimbursed for these bills either through insurance or FEMA funds. The first was for elevator storm clean-up. It was moved by Buyck, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request in the amount of \$14,496.00. The next pay request is for storm stump removal. It was moved by Buyck, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request in the amount of \$8,151.25.

Pederson presented two pay requests from Stantec. The first is for work on the Clearwell and pump station. It was moved by Olson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve the pay request in the amount of \$5,797.25. The second pay request is for Wastewater treatment facility miscellaneous upgrades. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request in the amount of \$4,705.25.

Councilmember Schreck offered the following resolution:

**CITY OF BENSON
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS
(RESOLUTION NO. 2022-25)**

WHEREAS, The City of Benson is generally authorized to accept gifts and bequests pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 and Minnesota Statutes Section 471.17 for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the city:

**Library Patrons – \$101.14 - Library Donations
Southwest Initiative Foundation - \$4,000 – Kid Day
Dooley’s Petroleum - \$100 – Kid Day
E & M Electric - \$200 – Kid Day
Patrons - \$610 – Mayor’s Mingle
Patrons - \$100 – Kid Day
VFW - \$600 – Cemetery Stone Restoration**

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to assist the various city departments and programs as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to benefit the departments listed above, as allowed by law.

Councilmember Evenson seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded:
AYES: Evenson, Buyck, Schreck, Olson, Collins. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared
Resolution 2022-25 duly passed and adopted.

Pederson informed the Council PEIP, our health insurance carrier, informed us last Friday we
would see a large increase in premiums next year. He said our last carrier was the Southwest Service
Coop so we are looking at their plans and into other options as well.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Evenson,
seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk