

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
CITY HALL  
NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Mayor Collins. Members present: Terri Collins, Lucas Olson, Mark Schreck, Jon Buyck and Jack Evenson. Members Absent: None. Also present: Director of Finance Glen Pederson and Director of Public Works Dan Gens.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Buyck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Pederson gave a summary of the November 2, 2021 General Election as follows:

	<b>Precinct 15 North Side</b>	<b>Precinct 20 South Side</b>	<b>Total</b>
Registered Voters	935	932	1,867
Votes Cast	81	79	160
Percent Voter Turn-out			9%

**FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR  
One – 1 Year Term**

	<b>Precinct 15 North Side</b>	<b>Precinct 20 South Side</b>	<b>Total</b>
Terri Collins	64	59	123
Write-ins	16	14	30
Over Votes	0	0	0
Under Votes	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Votes	81	79	160

**FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER  
Two – 3 Year Terms**

	<b>Precinct 15 North Side</b>	<b>Precinct 20 South Side</b>	<b>Total</b>
John (Jack) Evenson	69	63	132
Mark Schreck	67	65	132
Write-Ins	1	4	5
Over Votes	0	0	0
Under Votes	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>51</u>
Total Votes	162	158	320

**QUESTION 1 ON THE BALLOT**

Charter Amendment No. 1

Shall the Charter of the City of Benson be amended to move the regular municipal election date from each odd numbered year to each even numbered year?

Yes	57	66	123
No	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>37</u>
Total Votes	81	79	160

**QUESTION 2 ON THE BALLOT**

Charter Amendment No. 2

Shall the charter of the City of Benson be amended to move the procedures for filling city council vacancies from the Charter to the Ordinance?

Yes	59	65	124
No	<u>21</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>33</u>
Total Votes	80	77	157

Charter Amendment No. 1 & Charter Amendment No. 2 both passed. Upon passing of Charter Amendment No.1 all Council position terms will be reduced by one year.

Terri Collins is the duly elected Mayor for the one-year term beginning the first business day of 2022.

John (Jack) Evenson and Mark Schreck are duly elected to three-year terms on the City Council beginning the first business day of 2022.

**JUDGES OF THE ELECTION**

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| Sharon Hagen     | Dianne Doscher |
| Mary K.W. Langan | Gene Doscher   |
| LoAnn Hagen      | Pam Lawatsch   |
| Diane Trew       | Mike Scheffler |
| John Wigfield    | Sue Fitz       |
| Dixie Golden     |                |

It was moved by Olson, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the 2021 General Election results.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the final pay request for work at the airport A & D building to MN Mechanical Solutions in the amount of \$31,263.12.

Gens informed the Council of the plan to take down a number of trees along the south side of the east end of Pacific Avenue. He has contacted the homeowners and they are in agreement that they need to be removed.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Olson seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 12:10 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk