

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Collins. Members present: Jack Evenson, Terri Collins, Mark Schreck, Lucas Olson, Jon Buyck. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Public Works Director Dan Gens and Fire Chief Jeff Reuss.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was moved by Schreck seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- February 4, 2019 City Council Minutes
- January 14, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes
- November 19, 2018 Park Board Minutes
- February 4, 2019 Airport Board Minutes
- Tara Beyer's Request for Animal Shelter
- January Police Report
- Food Shelf Campaign
- MN Department of Commerce-CVEC Request to Withdraw Filing
- National Wild Turkey Federation Gambling Permit for March 15, 2019
- Appointing Dennis Rohloff to the Cemetery Board

There were no persons with unscheduled business.

Fire Chief Jeff Reuss approached the Council and gave the 2018 Fire Report. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to accept the 2018 Fire Report. Wolfington discussed township fire contracts are due and will be looking at a two year contract. After two years there will be a review of the new dairy coming into the county and the contracts will be reviewed again at that time. He said the Fire Department will be hosting the townships at the fire hall on April 2, 2019 for equipment tours, and a light dinner.

Wolfington said Xcel agreed to pay the stranded investments to the City of Benson in lieu of losing Fibrominn. With Brightmark Energy (BME) coming in, these investments will be recovered. The City is working on an agreement with BME. He presented a letter to be signed by the Mayor releasing Xcel of this obligation. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter as it was presented.

Next was a pay request from Benson Community Education for costs associated with the community education summer program for 2018. After discussion, it was moved by Olson, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve paying the Community Education bill in the amount of \$31,611.06.

It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the concrete crushing quote from Hard Rock Screening in the amount of \$4.24 per ton.

It was moved by Schreck and seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the chip seal quote from Morris Sealcoat in the amount of \$37,020.00.

It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the bituminous quotes from Ferguson Asphalt in the amount of \$150,019.82.

It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the concrete/curb quote from B.G. Amundson in the amount of \$28,205.00.

It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the tire quote from Glacial Plains Coop in the amount of \$10,504.11.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$459,939.69.

It was noted the after the Council adjourns, the Council members will all be attending a pipeline safety class in Willmar.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk