

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Gary Landmark, Ben Hess, Mike Fugleberg & Paul Kittelson. Members Absent: Sue Fitz. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington and Public Works Director Elliot Nelson

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

- March 4, 2013 City Council Meeting
- February 4, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the following liquor licenses effective April 13, 2013 contingent upon receiving the necessary paperwork:

**Club On-Sale Liquor License:**

Benson VFW

**Sunday Liquor License:**

Benson VFW

Benson Bowler

Benson Golf Club

Patrick's Pub & Grill

McKinney's on Southside

**Off-Sale 3.2 Malt Beverage License:**

Holiday Stationstore, Inc.

**On-Sale Liquor License:**

Benson Bowler

Benson Golf Club

Patrick's Pub & Grill

Mi Mexico

McKinney's on Southside

**Sidewalk Café Permit**

Patrick's Pub & Grill, LLC

Mi Mexico

Wolfington presented the annual case specific beneficial use determination report from FibroMinn.

It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to donate a family pool pass to the Swift County Benson Hospital Foundation's Emerald Eve Event.

The City Manager will be attending the International Biomass Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota April 8-10, 2013.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve conducting the 2013 Residential Tagged Item Pick-Up May 1-3 as presented by the City Manager.

Public Works Director Nelson approached the Council with bids for the power plant catalytic converter upgrade to be completed by May 3, 2013. He stated five bids came in for the project as follows:

Meier Electric Inc. \$123,125.00  
Mechanical Systems Inc. \$136,256.00  
HiMEC Mechanical Inc. \$189,500.00  
Midwestern Mechanical Inc. \$249,900.00  
Farabee Mechanical Inc. \$373,230.00

DGR Engineering reviewed the bids and recommended the low bid by Meier Electric, Inc. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to award the bid to Meier Electric Inc. from Marshall, Minnesota in the amount of \$123,125.00.

Next Nelson presented tire bids. There were two bids as follows:

Amundson Peterson Inc. \$18,898.00  
Glacial Plains Coop \$16,561.29

After review, it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to go with the low bid from Glacial Plains Coop in the amount of \$16,561.29.

Nelson informed the Council the John Deere 1445 Series II Commercial Mower with cab has come in, and presented a pay request from Amundson Peterson. It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve Amundson Peterson's pay request in the amount of \$25,030.13.

Nelson informed the Council of a manganese problem at the water treatment facility. He has been working with the Department of Health and engineers for a remedy. He said he will have quotes to present to the Council at the next meeting. Wolfington stated that the cost will be rolled into the state bond for the plant.

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$290,411.60.

Lastly, a conference call was made with Ms. Carol Gilbertson, owner of the old In & Out store. She had a broken water pipe, which wasn't discovered until the City read the water meter, and discovered water running in the building. Ms. Gilbertson claims most of the water ran out the door, and would like to have her sewer bill absolved, and hoped for the same with the water portion of her bill. Wolfington stated he felt the water portion could not be waived. When asked, Ms. Gilbertson stated there was ceiling damage and lower wall damage done to the inside of the building. After more discussion, it was agreed upon that Ms. Gilbertson and Elliot Nelson meet on Wednesday to go into the building and try to determine where the water drained away to. Ms. Gilbertson was asked to produce some proof of why she felt the water did not go down the drain in the building. The evidence will then be presented at the next City Council meeting for a final decision on how to deal with the sewer charges on her bill.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Landmark, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk