

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Collins. Members present: Jack Evenson, Terri Collins, Jon Buyck, Mark Schreck & Lucas Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present: Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Chief of Police Ian Hodge, Upper Minnesota Valley RDC Representative Laura Ostlie, Chuck Koenig and Gene Doscher.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Collins asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Pederson asked to add two pay requests to the consent agenda from Stantec Engineering; one in the amount of \$4,215.25, and the other for \$7,034.72. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

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

- March 18, 2019 City Council Minutes
- February 11, 2019 EDA Meeting
- Application to the EDA Board by Pat Hawley, Dave Martin and Linda Hodge
- A Beautify Benson Donation on Behalf of Marlene Skold for \$50
- MRES Recognition of the Benson Electric Utility Reliability
- RDC Open House – Regional Transportation Partnership
- Stantec Pay Request - \$4,215.25 for water treatment plant remediation
- Stantec Pay Request - \$7,034.72 for miscellaneous public work projects as presented

There were no persons with unscheduled business.

Pederson presented the Benson Power Purchase Agreement for a second reading. He stated there were no changes from the first reading. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve the purchase agreement with Xcel Energy, and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents.

Pederson shared correspondence from Missouri River Energy Services (MRES) with a breakdown of the market energy purchases and where the energy mix comes from for Benson. 73% of our electric power comes from hydropower. Coal, natural gas, wind, nuclear and solar also contribute to our energy mix.

Next was a letter from Tom Heller from MRES outlining proposed changes to the MRES Membership Agreement. The City Manager concurs with the agreement changes. Pederson said this document will automatically be amended unless one of the memberships would call for a member vote. The Council reviewed the document, noting the changes were mostly clerical and clarification. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve the changes as presented.

Next was a letter from a concerned citizen who was bitten by two dogs while out for a walk. Hodge discussed the case. He said they get 2-3 dog calls a week about dogs running at large. When they are picked up they are brought to the pound and the owner is charged \$15/day. Vaccines are checked at this point. There was discussion on people bringing dogs to public functions, and the animal ordinance will be looked at for any possible improvements.

Gens presented a capital authorization request for a new lawn mower. He presented quotes for two different mowers. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the bid from Haugen Kubota in the amount of \$23,906.73 after trade-in and discount.

Pederson presented a report from the Civic Center Board regarding the North end of the Civic Center. A structural study was completed by the City's engineer Stantec and code review by Engan and Associates. He went on to discuss repairs needed to the building. Because of potential occupancy of 300, it is required there be a sprinkler system installed. If there is interest in using the space the Civic Center Board would pursue taking out a loan to make needed improvements. Pederson discussed what a proposed budget would look like along with the proposed improvements. He said in closing there would need to be a long term lease commitment before the Civic Center Board would commit to a loan and that would be their next step in the process.

Gens approached to discuss TDKA engineering is ready to go out for bids for the new arrival-departure building at the airport. After discussion, it was moved by Olson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve moving forward and obtaining bids for the arrival departure building.

Next there was a pay request from Alex Air Apparatus for a high capacity air tank compressor system. Pederson noted the pay request is for \$53,646.00 and the fire department received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$46,262.00 toward the air tank compressor, which leaves a balance of \$7,384.00 to come out of capital outlay. After discussion it was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from Alex Air Apparatus in the amount of \$53,646.00.

Pederson said Ehler's and Associates contacted us and said there have been some proposed changes to the Post Issuance Compliance Policy. He recommended approval. Councilmember Schreck offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION Adopting POST-ISSUANCE DEBT COMPLIANCE
POLICY FOR TAX-EXEMPT AND TAX-ADVANTAGED GOVERNMENTAL BONDS
(RESOLUTION 2019-07)**

WHEREAS, the City of Benson, Minnesota (the "City") from time to time will issue tax-exempt and tax-advantaged governmental bonds; and

WHEREAS, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and related regulations (the "Code"), and Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") the City is required to take certain actions after bond issuance to ensure that interest on those bonds remains in compliance with the Code and SEC; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined to adopt a policy regarding how the City will carry out its compliance responsibilities via written procedures, and to that end, has caused to be prepared documents titled Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures; and

WHEREAS, The City Council (the "Council") of the City has reviewed the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy in connection with the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures and has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to adopt the Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA; the Council approves the Policy as shown in the form attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the City staff is authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out the Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Policy and Post-Issuance Debt Compliance Procedures.

Councilmember Buyck seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Evenson, Collins, Buyck, Olson, Schreck. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2019-07 duly passed and adopted.

Swift County Benson Health Services approached Swift County and the City of Benson requesting a joint meeting to discuss the possible change of ownership at the hospital. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to set a joint City, County, Hospital meeting for April 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital meeting room at 1810 McKinney Avenue.

At this time, the Mayor called for the Council to adjourn to tour city projects coming up this summer.

There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk