

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Landmark. Members present: Terri Collins, Jack Evenson, Gary Landmark, Stephanie Heinzig & Lucas Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present: Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Director of Public Works Dan Gens, Police Chief Ian Hodge, County Assessor Wayne Knutson and Darla Schwendemann.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Landmark asked for any changes to the agenda. The Mayor added a demolition reimbursement request, 2017 Tagged Item Pick-up and a letter regarding a fire call. It was agreed the Council will bring the fire call request to the next regular Council Meeting. No consent agenda items were moved to the regular agenda. A motion was made by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- April 3, 2017 City Council Minutes
- Charter Communications Programming Changes
- Police Report

The Mayor asked for people with unscheduled business which there was no one.

The Mayor opened the Board of Review. There was no one in attendance to address the board but it would remain open until 6:30 P.M. Wayne Knutson with the Swift County Assessor's office came forward to give a review of the past years property values within the City. He has two property owners requesting adjustments and will wait until the end of the review to discuss them.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing to consider the new Cemetery Platt. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the Cemetery Third Edition platt in the Benson City Cemetery

Motion was made by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the Arbor Day Proclamation for April 28, 2017.

The Courthouse will be going through renovations this summer. Emergency Manager Bill McGeary has put in a request to the City to use City Hall as the designated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) while the Courthouse is under construction. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to designate Benson City Hall as the EOC for Swift County in the event of an emergency while the Swift County Courthouse is under renovations.

Bituminous bids were reviewed. Collins asked about the discrepancy in tonnage. Two bids were at 750 tons and two bids at 1500 tons. Gens said he contacted bidders to reduce the number of tons for the bid, but will clarify the bids at the next City Council Meeting.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the mosquito control chemical quote from Univar for 200 gallons in the amount of \$7,300.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve a quote for crack filler material from Brock White for 11,250 pounds in the amount of \$5,062.50.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the quote for concrete work from B. G. Amundson Construction as follows:

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Item Description</b>		<b>Unit Cost</b>
1.	Curb & Gutter	Lin. Ft.	<u>\$38.00</u>
2.	Sidewalk (4" thick)	Sq. Ft.	<u>\$9.95</u>
3.	Sidewalk (6" Thick)	Sq. Ft.	<u>\$12.45</u>
4.	Truncated Dome Detectable Ea. Set Warning Insert (Two are required at each Pedestrian ramp)		<u>\$750.00</u>

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the tire quotes from Glacial Plains as presented.

Next was a request from Scott Collins. He has purchased a dilapidated house at 912 – 12<sup>th</sup> St. N. He is requesting reimbursement from the City of Benson in the amount of \$2,500 though their community revolving fund to help with costs associated with demolition of the house. He has a second request for a garage at his house at 725 – 12<sup>th</sup> St. S. He is requesting \$450 reimbursement for this project. He will replace this garage with a new double car garage. Pederson stated the fund currently has a zero balance, however the City has two requests for reimbursement in to Swift County HRA for \$2,500 each for two home demolitions which will put \$5,000 back into this fund. It was moved by Evenson, and seconded by Heinzig to approve both requests. The following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Olson, Heinzig, Evenson. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Wide Tagged Item Pick-up was discussed. The proposal was to return the program to curbside tagged items only, with free yard waste and tags for tires. Gens presented the details. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the 2017 Tagged Item Pick-up scheduled for May 10-12 as presented.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to close the Public Hearing for the new Cemetery platt.

Gens caught the Council up on public works business. The swimming pool is opening on May 27, 2017. The replacement shelter at Ambush Park is nearly complete. It is an Eagle Scout project. The water is on in the parks. There is a public meeting on the highway project scheduled for this summer on April 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers. There is a sink hole on highway 12 in front of Stony Ridge Foods the guys are working on.

There was discussion on Councilmember training for Board of Review.

Knutson approached the Council with two individuals asking for adjustments to their property taxes. The first resident lives on Willoway and has done numerous improvements to their house and asked to raise the valuation by \$12,900. The next property owner asked to lower their valuation from \$104,600 to \$71,500 as the home is deteriorating and will not bring the current valuation if it is sold. After discussion it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the changes on the assessed value to the aforementioned houses.

Pederson and Hodge showed drawings of the City Hall and Police Department schematics.

The Council was reminded that the Missouri River Energy Services Annual meeting will be May 10-11, 2017.

Hodge noted there will be a drug drop off event on April 29, 2017 at City Hall.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to close the Board of Review at 6:30 p.m.

It was moved by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor