

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Collins. Members present: Jack Evenson, Terri Collins, Mark Schreck & Lucas Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Anita Flodstrom and Tim Berens.

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 as presented.

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

- March 19, 2018 City Council Minutes
- January 22, 2018 Park Board Minutes
- February 20, 2018 EDA Minutes
- March 5, 2018 Safety Committee Minutes
- 2018 Cigarette License to Dooley's Petroleum dba Benson Food Shop
- MnDOT Office of Aeronautics Inspection Report for the Benson Municipal Airport
- Order for Dismissal of the Request for Detachment from the City Limits
- Letter from Dooley's Announcing Ownership Change of Benson Food Shop
- Refund from Nelson Auto Center – Police Vehicles
- Request for Support for the Annual Meander

The Mayor asked for people with unscheduled business. Tim Berens approached the Council. He asked the Mayor if the City Ordinances applied to all citizens and land owners in the City of Benson. The Mayor said they did. Mr. Berens then presented a written complaint from himself and other concerned citizens of 18 nuisance properties he has identified in Benson that he says are dilapidated, have garbage outside and other nuisance issues. The Mayor said his complaint would be passed on to Sergeant Paul Larson and presented to the Blight Committee. She thanked him for the report.

Next Wolfington discussed an inspection by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) at the Benson Wastewater facility. There were a couple items that need our attention. Staff will report the corrections to the MPCA. Gens stated they have all been corrected.

The Mayor said she would like to send two people to the International Biomass Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. She stated there is information there on anaerobic digestion (AD), and felt it would be good to send the High School Science teacher Brian Edlund and City employee Preston Flolo to explore the information pertaining to AD. If Brightmark Energy's plan to repurpose parts of Benson Power work out they could be performing AD at the plant. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve sending Edlund and Flolo to the International Biomass Conference April 16-18, 2018.

The annual Tagged Item Pickup is coming up and staff suggested it be held early in May. There are no recommended changes to the program as presented. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the City of Benson annual Tagged Item Pickup for May 2-4, 2018.

Next was a tour of City projects. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to recess the Council to tour city projects at 5:39 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the Council meeting at 6:42.p.m.

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 6:43 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk