

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 15, 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, Police Chief Ian Hodge, Anita Flodstrom and Reed Becker with Widseth, Smith Nolting (WSN).

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

- May 1, 2017 City Council Minutes
- March 6, 2017 Planning Commission Minutes
- Police Report
- MPCA – 2016 Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award
- Approval of Pastor Zane Anderson on the Cemetery Board term expiring 12/31/2017

The Mayor asked for people with unscheduled business. Anita Flodstrom said she had two issues. The first was her road on the east end of Kansas Avenue. It is a gravel road, and the pot holes are large. The City will fill them, but the gravel doesn't stay. She is asking for a permanent fix. She said the residents would put concrete in themselves. The Mayor referred her to the Public Works Director before they try to repair the street. The second concern was she feels her utility bill is too high. She said she has contacted Centerpoint Energy and the Minnesota Attorney General, which he referred her to the Benson City Council. She wants to know why it is so high in the winter. Pederson asked her to come and see him and they can work on finding answers.

Next the Mayor invited Becker to the table. He reviewed the City Hall plan WSN came up with per the contract they have with the City. He presented his drawings and schematic of how City Hall could look if added on to the Armory. He estimated renovations to be between \$2.6-\$2.7 Million. There was discussion and questions on the design. The Council thanked Becker for his work and coming to the meeting tonight.

The Council reviewed the budget report. Pederson discussed the sewer fund is turning around per recent rate changes. He also noted the electric fund charges for service are down. We are in the middle of a rate study with Missouri River Energy Services over the next couple of months and should be able to answer the question.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$550,187.53.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 5:53 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk