

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 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: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens and Police Chief Ian Hodge.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Collins asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Wolfington asked to remove the 2019 Cops Grant from the agenda. 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 contingent on the completion of the paperwork for the Liquor License Application by Hanney's Bar & Grill LLC:

- May 6, 2019 City Council Minutes
- March 4, 2019 Planning Commission Minutes
- Missouri River Energy Services Upcoming Events
- Hanny's Bar & Grill Liquor License Application
- May 8, 2019 Donation by Zetetic Study Club - Roosevelt Park Playground Equipment - \$500.00
- Electronic Transfer to General Fund-April 2019 \$1,967,125.46
- Electronic Transfer for Payroll-May 9, 2019 - \$101,002.36

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

Wolfington discussed setting a special Council meeting in June for the residents in the 100 year floodplain in Hawleywood to discuss possible flooding issues. After discussion it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to hold a Special City Council Meeting on June 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Benson Golf Club. Wolfington said a letter will be sent to the affected residents in the area, as well as a notice will be posted at City Hall and in the Monitor News.

Next was the bid result from the Airport Arrival/Departure Building. Wolfington said we received only one bid and it came in double the estimated cost. Staff would like to rebid this project with a few minor changes. He presented a tight project schedule and asked the Council to reject the current bid and approve going out for new bids with the new specs. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to reject the May 7, 2019 bid from Gopher State Contracting in the amount of \$859,547.43. It was then moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve going out for bids for the Airport Arrival/Departure building with the new specs as soon as possible.

There was discussion on the grant the City applied for last August to fix Gustie's Road. Because of the number of grants and changes with State administration, the grant reviews have been delayed. Wolfington said the Federal Transit Administration hopes to announce awards in June. Wolfington said he and Gens walked the road and have a plan B that may be more economical than the matching grant, but won't look into engineering until the grant results are announced.

Wolfington said the City has been invited to meet with a BNSF Railroad public relations person on June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss concerns the City may have, follow through on complaints and upcoming projects. The Mayor and Councilmember Olson will meet with the railroad along with Wolfington.

Wolfington said in the Fibrominn deal, we incurred two pick-ups. They have both been cleaned up and he said he would like to give one to Benson Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) to use with grounds upkeep. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve transferring ownership of the 2005 Chevrolet pick-up to the Benson HRA.

Wolfington presented the raw data from the Strategic Planning event May 2-4, 2019. Included was the strategic planning summary, SWOT analysis and Benson Strategic Priorities. The event was discussed. Wolfington went on to say he and Laura Ostlie from UMRDC will be compiling the accountability items and ideas this week.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$380,165.08.

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 5:52 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk