

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Gary Landmark. Members present: Gary Landmark, Ben Hess, Sue Fitz. Members Absent: Mike Fugleberg & Paul Kittelson. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, Director of Finance Glen Pederson and Police Chief Ian Hodge

It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes on the consent agenda:

- April 15, 2013 City Council Meeting
- April 12, 2013 Safety Committee Meeting
- March 13, 2013 Benson HRA Meeting

A thank-you was acknowledged by the Council from the Prom Afterbash committee thanking the City Council for their continued support and use of the Armory.

It was the consensus of the Council to continue supporting the Swift County-Benson Hospital Auxiliary with their annual golf fundraiser by sponsoring a hole for \$150.00

Wolfington presented a letter from the Social Security Administration stating Don Sergott is the representative payee for Janet Bennett. Bennett had a car fire, and Mr. Sergott previously presented a break-down of her income and expenses. He claims she doesn't have the money to pay the bill and is asking for the bill to be forgiven. After discussion, it was moved by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to forgive the fire bill in the amount of \$583.09.

Wolfington presented a letter from the Relay for Life group outlining their activities for their event on the evening of June 21, 2013. Consensus of the Council was to allow them to use the Northside Recreation area as presented.

Wolfington stated he will be at the MRES Annual Meeting May 8-9, 2013, and Val Alsaker will be attending the Minnesota Safety Council Conference May 14-15, 2013.

Next was an estimate to insulate 2 walls in the fire hall, which will help with energy conservation. After discussion, it was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve A.F. Building Materials, Inc. estimate in the amount of \$6,434.14.

Landmark addressed a memo from Swift County Assessor Wayne Knutson reminding the Council of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization training coming up in June. It was agreed the Councilmembers will decide who will take the training and let Val know so she can sign them up.

Next Wolfington stated every four years it is required by the FAA to have a designated airport engineer. The City received three interested candidates. They are TDKA Engineering, Bolton & Menk, Inc. and Ulteig Engineering. Qualifications were discussed. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to hire TKDA.

Wolfington addressed a letter from Missouri River Energy Services (MRES). They have sent us a Reserved Capacity Agreement (RCA) which would replace the Dedicated Capacity Agreement (DCA) and the Capacity Purchase Agreement (CPA), and go into effect as of January 1, 2014. Wolfington said he will bring the actual agreement to the Council for review at a later meeting.

Nelson approached the Council with 3 proposals to clean the exterior of the water tower. SPC Tower Washer's, Water Tower Clean and Coat, Inc. and Central Tank Coatings, Inc. submitted proposals.

It was moved by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the low bid from SPC Tower Washer's in the amount of \$3,900.00.

Next were the proposals from Buttweiler's Do-All Inc. for replacement of the Armory garage roof and the Fire Hall's south building roof. Wolfington said both roofs have been leaking this spring and are in need of repair. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the proposals from Buttweiler's Do-All Inc. to repair the Armory roof in the amount of \$18,860.00, and the Fire Hall's south building in the amount of \$5,980.00.

The back yard poultry ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Next was a request from Shooter's Bar in Appleton to serve alcohol in Ambush Park for a large wedding reception on June 8, 2013. They have their caterer's license, liquor licenses and certificate of insurance.. The entire park has been rented out for the weekend. After discussion, it was moved by Hess, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve Shooters Bar and Grill providing liquor at the wedding reception on June 8, 2013.

Pederson presented a request to add Police Chief Ian Hodge to the Bank of the West credit card account with a credit limit of \$2,000. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the addition of Ian Hodge to the City of Benson credit card account.

Councilmember Fitz presented the following resolution:

**POLICE OFFICER DECLARATION
(RESOLUTION NO. 2013-04)**

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Minnesota as declared in Minnesota Statutes 353.63 is to give special consideration to employees who perform hazardous work and devote their time and skills to protecting the property and personal safety of others; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Section 353.64 permits governmental subdivisions to request coverage in the Public Employees Police and Fire plan for eligible employees of police departments whose position duties meet the requirements stated therein and listed below.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Benson hereby declares that the position titled Part-Time Police Officer, currently held by Brennan McAlphin meets all of the following Police and Fire membership requirements:

1. Said position requires a license by the Minnesota peace officer standards and training board under sections 626.84 to 626.863 and this employee is so licensed;
2. Said position's primary (over 50%) duty is to enforce the general criminal laws of the state;
3. Said position charges this employee with the prevention and detection of crime;
4. Said position gives this employee the full power of arrest, and
5. Said position is assigned to a designated police or sheriff's department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this governing body hereby requests that the above-named employee be accepted as a member of the Public Employees Police and Fire Plan effective the date of this employee's initial Police and Fire salary deduction by the governmental subdivision.

Council Member Hess seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Fitz, Hess. NAYS: None. Thereupon the Landmark declared Resolution 2013-04 duly passed and adopted.

The Council acknowledged the March 2013 budget report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Landmark announced at 5:43 p.m. to conduct the rest of the meeting on the City Bus for a tour of jobs the City is working on.

During the tour the Council discussed the residential service overhead to underground project bids. Discussion centered on what amount homeowners should pay if any and how the project should be administered. Consensus of the Council was to have staff research how other communities have done this type of project and report back at a future meeting.

The Council returned to the council Chambers at 6:58 p.m.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Fitz, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem

City Clerk