

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 17, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by the Mayor. Members present: Mike Fugleberg, Paul Kittelson Ben Hess, Gary Landmark & Sue Fitz. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, City Building Official Mike Jacobson, Swift Count-Benson Hospital Administrator Frank Lawatsch, Benson Public Schools Superintendent Lee Westrum and Connie Wersinger.

Wolfington asked Lee Westrum to the Council meeting tonight as he is taking a job in Wadena. Westrum wanted to say farewell and to thank the Council for the cooperation all local units of government has shown over the years he has been on the Council and Superintendent of Benson Schools.

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

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The Mayor acknowledged openings on the Park Board and Benson Area Tourism Board.

Mayor Kittelson acknowledged a thank-you from Swift County Human Services for donating day passes to the swimming pool for the 2013 season.

Next was a letter from a concerned citizen asking the Council to preserve the school house out at Ambush Park.

Wolfington presented an email from Tom Bordwell from Charter Communications announcing they were preparing to move forward on the franchise renewal discussions next week.

The Mayor and City Manager will be attending the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference June 18-21 in the Cities. Wolfington will be attending the Emergency Management Institute July 4-12, 2013 in Maryland.

Next was discussion on restoration of the school house out at Ambush Park. Wolfington received a call just before the meeting from a citizen showing support for restoration, he also presented a letter that came in the mail today showing the same support. City Building Official Mike Jacobson presented bids to lift the school off the current blocks, pour a foundation, concrete removal and siding of the school in the amount of \$17,700.00. There was discussion on the structure of the school house. Jacobson said he felt there were enough people in the community to volunteer their time to help with some of the repairs. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg to approve foundation and siding work on the school house at Ambush Park for expenses not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Fugleberg offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO PROVIDE
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE IN THE CITY OF BENSON
(RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09)**

Resolved that the City of Benson, MN to enter into an Agreement with the State of Minnesota to provide public transportation service in the City of Benson.

Further resolved that the City of Benson agrees to provide a local share of 20% percent of the total operating cost and 20% of the total capital costs.

Further resolved that the City of Benson authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the aforementioned Agreement and any amendments thereto.

Council Member Hess seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Fitz, Kittelson, Hess, Fugleberg. NAYS: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2013-09 duly passed and adopted.

Councilmember Fugleberg offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
ISSUANCE OF BONDS
BY SWIFT COUNTY – BENSON HOSPITAL
(RESOLUTION 2013-10)**

BE IT RESOLVED By the City Council of the City of Benson, as follows:

1. Swift County – Benson Hospital (the “District”), a hospital district organized under 1992 Laws of Minnesota, Ch. 534, Sections 6 to 20 (the “Act”) is proposing to issue up to \$2,900,000 of revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) to finance certain improvements to the hospital facilities including, without limitation, expansion and renovation of portions of the hospital and construction of a medical clinic to be leased to Affiliated Community Medical Centers, P.A. The Bonds are not an obligation of the City of Benson.

2. In accordance with the Act, the issuance of the Bonds is hereby approved.

Council Member Fugleberg seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Landmark, Kittelson, Hess, Fugleberg. ABSTAIN: Fitz. NAYS: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2013-10 duly passed and adopted.

Next Wolfington presented three bituminous bids for the 2013 season. There were bids from Riley Brothers for \$129,367.50, Duininck Inc. for \$154,472.00 and Central Specialties for \$168,974.80. After discussion Wolfington recommended Riley Brothers bid. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded Fitz and carried unanimously to accept Riley Brother’s bid in the amount of \$129,357.50.

The City will be advertising for bids for 2013 concrete work.

Next Wolfington presented a police joint powers agreement between 13 cities for emergency reaction force efforts. It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve the agreement.

Wolfington brought a request to the Council from Tom Kobberman. He would like to again host a bull riding event at the Shamrock Hest riding arena. Scotty’s will be catering and selling alcohol at the event. It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg to approve liquor sales at the riding club pending proof of liability insurance, proof of catering license and approval from Shamrock Hest Riding Club to hold the event there.

Next was change order #1 from DGR Engineering on the catalytic converters in the power plant. The change order was to insure proper insulation. It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 from DGR Engineering in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Wolfington presented the approval of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of electric service territory exchange between the City of Benson and Agralite Electric Cooperative.

Fitz presented a letter she received from a concerned citizen about a property that is in rough shape, and hope we can do something to clean it up. Wolfington stated staff will process the complaint with Council support.

Landmark suggested it's been many years since we have invited local attorneys to bid for our prosecution cases. After discussion it was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to invite attorneys to review our legal services for prosecution.

Fitz asked what our ordinances say concerning driving four wheelers in the city. Wolfington thought they were governed by State laws, but will see how they apply to our ordinances and report back to the Council.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve bills and warrants in the amount of \$876,654.57.

Wolfington presented an invitation from Minnesota GreenStep Cities Seminar June 27, 2013 at 3:30 pm in New London.

The City was awarded a Small Cities Grant, and Wolfington gave information to the Council on the Grant with requirements and timelines.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Fitz, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk