

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 22, 2019**

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: Jon Buyck. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Police Chief Ian Hodge, Police Sergeant Paul Larson, City Attorney Ben Wilcox, Building Official Mike Jacobson, Zack Moe, Allie Geerdes, Chuck Wilson, William & Sandra Woodin, Steve Benson, Mark Anderson, Jeff Anderson and Helen Flodstrom.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Collins Opened the public hearing. She stated the reason for the public hearing tonight is to take testimony for or against an order issued at the July 1, 2019 Benson City Council Meeting for Raising and Removal of a Hazardous Building at 810 Kansas Avenue. She said on July 2, 2019 the order and public hearing notice was sent to Terry Flodstrom, Helen Flodstrom, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage and residents within 350' of said property were sent a notice of public hearing. The notice was published in the July 10, 2019 and July 17, 2019 editions of the Swift County Monitor News. The Mayor invited Flodstrom to speak to the order but she declined as her attorney was unable to attend tonight's meeting. The City Attorney reported that a request was received from Flodstrom's attorney to continue tonight's public hearing to the next regular City Council Meeting and that he recommended that the council grant that request. The Mayor then asked for any questions or comments from the audience. Wilson said how they have been trying to fix up the place has been like putting a bandaid on a bleeding artery, as there is too much to fix. He went on to voice his concern that this house is driving property values down because of its state of disrepair. Mark Anderson said he is concerned about a pond in the back yard producing mosquitos. Benson stated they have had to keep mouse and rat poison on their property over concern of rodents coming from the property.

There being no other comments the Mayor declared the public hearing would remain open until being reconvened at 5:30 pm on August 5, 2019 at its' regular City Council Meeting. Hodge asked if the public will still be able to speak at the continued meeting to which Wilcox said yes. Wilcox stated that the Flodstrom's and their attorney have waived any publication requirements for the continuation.

Flodstrom asked for a copy of the minutes from the July 1, 2019 City Council meeting and tonight's Special City Council Meeting. Pederson said they will both be draft copies as the Council will not approve them until the August 5, 2019 meeting.

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 5:37 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk