

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
JULY 5, 2022**

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: Police Chief Ian Hodge and CEDA Representative Hillary Tweed. Telephonically CEDA Representative Sarah Weese, Eric Lembke with Stantec and Roxy Lewis.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- June 20, 2022 City Council Minutes
- June 6, 2022 Planning Commission Minutes
- Barb Nelson – Application to the Park Board
- Contracted Payments:
 - Rodeberg & Berryman – Wisconsin Ave. Project - \$760.00 – Balance to Finish \$5,492.00
 - Magney Construction Inc.–Anaerobic Digester Refurb.-\$173,467.15- Balance to Finish-\$342,428.42
- ISO-Public Protection Classification Correspondence
- Electronic Transfers:
 - Payroll: June 30, 2022 - \$97,953.45

There was no one with unscheduled business.

Weese said she received a grant from Swift County American Rescue Plan Grant for the Benson Swimming Pool for two water features in the amount of \$25,000. The total cost for the project is \$55,850. She has applied for two other grants in the amount of \$15,425 each, and is waiting to hear back. One grant we may not hear until fall. She asked the Council if they would like for her to move forward with contacting vendors to continue with the project. It was the consensus to move forward while waiting to hear on the other two grants. Weese thanked the Council and said she will move forward with getting the feature installed this fall.

Evenson said at last week's EDA meeting, they moved to move forward with Stantec as the engineer for the Southside Industrial Park feasibility study. Evenson said after reviewing more information on the bids for the project, he feels WSB would be a better pick as they can do the same work for \$22,000 less. Evenson then said he would recommend moving forward with the project. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve WSB as the engineers to conduct the Southside Industrial Park feasibility study.

It was moved by Olson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve the following election judges for the 2022 primary and general elections:

Marti Benson	Pam Anderson
Sue Fitz	Karen Wolfington
Dixie Golden	Sharon Hagen

Pam Lawatsch
LoAnn Hagen
Mark Frank
Diane Trew
Glen Pederson

Toni Lindstrom
Patty Schreck
Mary Langan
John Wigfield
Val Alsaker

Councilmember Buyck offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF XCEL ENERGY GRANT DOLLARS FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES
(RESOLUTION 2022-12)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Benson, County of Swift, State of Minnesota, received grant dollars from Northern State Power (Xcel Energy) as part of the Benson Power LLC biomass plant closing, and;

WHEREAS, these grant dollars are limited in use for the purposes of economic development, and;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that water treatment improvements qualify as an economic development purpose, and;

WHEREAS, the following projects are authorized use of grant dollars:

Name	Budget	Transfer Out
2020 Clear Well Project	\$2,644,805.00	\$8,333.88

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$8,333.88 as itemized on the attached invoices to be transferred from the NSP Grant Fund to the Water Fund.

Councilmember Olson seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Evenson, Olson, Collins, Buyck, Schreck. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2022-12 duly passed and adopted.

Councilmember Schreck offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF XCEL ENERGY GRANT DOLLARS FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES
(RESOLUTION 2022-13)**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Benson, County of Swift, State of Minnesota, received grant dollars from Northern State Power (Xcel Energy) as part of the Benson Power LLC biomass plant closing, and;

WHEREAS, these grant dollars are limited in use for the purposes of economic development, and;

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that Sanitary Sewer Collection and treatment improvements qualify as an economic development purpose, and;

WHEREAS, the following project is authorized use of grant dollars:

Name	Budget	Transfer Out
2020 Deferred Maintenance	\$1,442,600	\$304,264.19

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$304,264.19 as itemized on the attached invoices to be transferred from the NSP Grant Fund to the Sewer Fund.

Councilmember Evenson seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Evenson, Olson, Collins, Buyck, Schreck. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2022-13 duly passed and adopted.

Councilmember Schreck offered the following resolution:

**CITY OF BENSON
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS
(RESOLUTION NO. 2022-14)**

WHEREAS, The City of Benson is generally authorized to accept gifts and bequests pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 465.03 and Minnesota Statutes Section 471.17 for the benefit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the following persons and entities have offered to contribute the cash amounts set forth below to the city:

**Brianna Jensen - \$30 – Beautify Benson Shirts
Swift County-Benson Hospital - \$417.00 – Kid Day Donation
Abner Sales - \$100 – Kid Day Donation
Stony Ridge Foods - \$200 – Mayor’s Mingle Donation
Benson Lions Club – \$1,000 – Pool Chairs
Conway Deuth & Schmiesing - \$100 – Kid Day Donation
Library Patrons – \$81.19 - Library Donations
Friends of the Library –\$404.93 - Bike Donations**

WHEREAS, all such donations have been contributed to assist the various city departments and programs as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that it is appropriate to accept the donations offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The donations described above are accepted and shall be used to benefit the departments listed above, as allowed by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Benson on July 5, 2022

Councilmember Olson seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Evenson, Olson, Collins, Buyck, Schreck. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2022-114 duly passed and adopted.

The Council reviewed the May 2022 budget report. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve the May 2022 budget report.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Evenson seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk