

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Kittelson. Members present: Paul Kittelson, Mike Fugleberg, Jack Evenson & Stephanie Heinzig. Members Absent: Sue Fitz. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Golf Club President Brian Samuelson, Jennifer Frost from the RDA and Vicki Syverson from the Swift County HRA.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

- June 15, 2015 City Council Minutes
- June 8, 2015 Swift County-Benson Hospital Minutes

Wolfington discussed a memo from the Minnesota Department of Health in reference to the Sanitary Survey Report for the Benson Public Water System. There were no deficiencies observed during their on-site inspection.

Next Wolfington said the Hospital just completed their audit. He noted a paper copy was on the table, or an electronic copy was available.

Wolfington presented the 2014 Renewable Energy Certificate Report to the Public Utilities Commission completed by Missouri River Energy Services for its members in order to demonstrate compliance with the Minnesota Renewable Energy Standard and Green Pricing Program.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve a gambling permit for the Swift County-Benson Hospital for August 9, 2015.

Brian Samuelson with the Benson Golf Club approached the Council. He stated the members raised \$10,000 for tree work on the course. Hopefully the irrigation project will start this fall. Scott Vick is now providing manager and cooking services for the Golf Club. Club House renovations are in the planning stages. Samuelson said the line of credit is coming due soon, and is asking the City for a 90 day extension to get a better idea of where they are on the budget. After discussion, it was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to extend the Golf Club's line of credit for 90 more days.

Jennifer Frost approached the Council with a survey to complete as part of a grant application for the Underused Spaces and Employable Spaces Grant. Each City in the county is asked to complete a SWOT (Strength Weakness Opportunities Threats) survey as part of the application.

Next Vicki Syverson highlighted the overall county housing recommendations particular to Benson, from the recently completed Swift County Housing Study.

Next was a quote to fix the Senior Center roof. After review, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Fugleberg and carried unanimously to approve the quote from Stan Olson & Shawn Tolifson Construction to repair the Senior Center roof in the amount of \$28,175.00.

Next Gens presented a pay request for a storm sewer repair by the Wastewater plant. It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request to repair the storm sewer to Johnson Excavation in the amount of \$10,000.

Gens presented pay request #1 from Johnson Excavation for the south side sanitary sewer replacement project. It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve pay request #1 to Johnson Excavation in the amount of \$140,444.20.

Gens reviewed the public works report with the Council. He mentioned next year it would be beneficial to have a couple extra seasonal helpers to keep projects moving smoothly.

It was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve a Small Cities grant payment in the amount of \$2,472.00.

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Pederson presented the Software Hosting Agreement to the Council. He said the City Attorney reviewed it and felt everything was in order. He said the cost came in less than the original estimate. It will take six weeks to complete the transition. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the Software Hosting Agreement as presented.

The Council reviewed the May 2015 budget report.

Wolfington informed the Council Stony Ridge Foods would like to purchase 600' of land from Burlington Northern Railroad and asked for a resolution or letter of support from the City. After discussion, it was moved by Fugleberg, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to authorize the Mayor to send a letter supporting the land purchase from Burlington Northern Railroad.

Wolfington mentioned he received a packet of information from Charter this afternoon.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk