

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
AUGUST 15, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Collins. Members present: Terri Collins, Jon Buyck, Jack Evenson, Mark Schreck & Lucas Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Fire Chief Jeff Reuss, Firemen Nathan Motzko, Ryan Buddy, and Eric Tolifson, CEDA Representative Hillary Tweed and Reed Anfinson. Telephonically Val Alsaker.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for any changes to the agenda. The Mayor added two Stantec invoices, Public Works update and removed McKinney Avenue Engineering from the agenda. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

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

- August 1, 2022 City Council Minutes
- August 4, 2022 Special City Council Minutes
- Charter Communications Channel Line-up
- Magney Construction Pay Request #6-Anaerobic Digester-\$50,976.24
- Stantec Engineering-Wastewater Treatment Plant Misc. Upgrades-\$26,647.21
- Electronic Transfers:
Payroll: August 11, 2022-\$121,949.99

There was no one with unscheduled business.

Fire Chief Reuss and the Fire Truck committee members approached the Council. Chief Reuss said they met as a committee to review the specs of the top mount pumper they took sealed bids for on July 18, 2022. He said they reviewed each bid line by line, and narrowed it down to the two lowest bids which were the two Rosenbauer bids. Rosenbauer bid #1 came in at \$591,485 and Rosenbauer bid #2 came in at \$558,192. They reported Rosenbauer bid #1 meets their needs the best. This decision is based on a longer warranty, a longer wheel base to support a heavier truck, a better seating set-up, weather resistant junction box, and safety lighting. He went on to say if payment for the chassis is paid for upon arrival at the truck plant in Lion, SD, we can deduct \$11,201 for Bid #1. Bids are only good until October 18, 2022. Glen asked if there were any specs bid #1 did not meet, to which Reuss said no. The Council discussed payment options for the truck. The question of leasing came up and Pederson said he would come up with leasing option rates to present in September. Mayor Collins said the Council will look at taking action on the truck in September and thanked the Fire Department.

Next was the emergency ordinance regulating edible cannabinoids. Neither Chief Hodge or the City Attorney were present. The Mayor referred to a memo from the City Attorney stating sales are covered in our ordinance and the other option is a moratorium to stop sales until we can put something in place. The Council agreed there is something in place already. After discussion, it was moved by Olson, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to table this until the next regular City Council meeting.

Pederson said we know we will need 3 new larger transformers coming up. We will need transformers for Nutrien Ag, the Armory and the proposed slaughterhouse. Right now getting a new transformer will take 8 weeks for delivery. We don't have an inventory of transformers and the estimated cost of a transfer is around \$9,000 each which exceeds the City Manager's spending authority. We did not

receive a quote today, but are asking for approval to purchase them when we get the quote and want to get them on order with our preferred vendor we purchase them from. After discussion it was moved by Buyck, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to grant authority to the City Manager to purchase 3 transformers not to exceed \$10,000 each for the aforementioned projects.

Next Pederson discussed refunding a portion of the pool passes to pool patrons due to having to close the pool early. He presented a spread sheet showing the number of passes sold and the refund amount based on a 2 or 3-week refund. A 2-week refund would be approximately \$3,353.33, and a 3-week refund would be approximately \$5,030.00. He said there is also punch passes for admissions and concessions which he recommended carrying forward to the 2023 season, but felt if a family wanted a refund we would honor that.

Gens was asked to come forward and give a pool update. He said he talked to Tom from USAquatics. We shut everything down and in 4 days the pool was mostly dry. Tom suggested getting American Leak Detection out to find where it is leaking. Gens referred to the study USAquatics did in 2018 which listed numerous repair suggestions.

At this point it was moved by Olson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve giving pool pass holders the 3-week refund on the passes and the option of carrying their punch pass forward or receiving a refund.

Next was a quote for underground primary wire. After discussion it was moved by Olson, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously in the amount of \$9,493.18.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$895,663.45.

Gens said Gusty's road is due to start next week.

Next was a pay request from Stantec for the clearwell and pump station engineering for a year's worth of engineering. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve a pay request in the amount of \$48,486.65.

There was a second pay request from Stantec for engineering on zoning, zoning map and GIS updates, city staff meetings, and various work on the Nature Energy Project. It was Moved by Olson, seconded by Buyck, and carried unanimously to approve the Stantec invoice in the amount of \$21,992.07.

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 6:01 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk