

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Landmark. Members present: Terri Collins, Jack Evenson, Gary Landmark, Stephanie Heinzig & Lucas Olson. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Police Chief Hodge, Anita Flodstrom, Kathy Polzin and Mark Anderson.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Landmark asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Wolfington added an application for a sludge permit and excavation on 11th St. S. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

It was moved by Heinzig, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- August 7, 2017 City Council Minutes
- July 24, 2017 Benson HRA Minutes

The Mayor asked for people with unscheduled business to which there were none.

Chief Hodge approached the Council to report on the progress of a nuisance property at 805 Kansas Ave. He said the headlight has not been replaced on the vehicle in the yard. He went on to report on the progress of 735 Kansas Avenue. There is still a lot of work to do there. Also noted was the presence of motor oil dumped on the property. The property owner has until September 5, 2017 to have all the nuisance items cleaned up. The oil issue will be looked at under State Law.

Wolfington discussed the lease at the north end of the Civic Center. The School Board will be reviewing the lease at their meeting tonight. They are waiting for a letter of termination from the current renter.

Next was the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities information and 2018 Dues packet. Wolfington explained how the Coalition lobbies for small towns and helped the City through their negotiations with Xcel Energy. He recommended approval. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities 2018 general assessment in the amount of \$5,788 and the voluntary environmental assessment of \$1,109.

Kathy Polzin approached the Council on the behalf of J & J Chinese Café restaurant. They have completed an application for a liquor permit. She commended Patrick's Pub for all the help they have offered to J & J Chinese Café. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve a liquor license for J & J Chinese Café until April 12, 2018.

There was a pay request from Marcus Construction for oversite services for the police department building. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request in the amount of \$9,868.00.

Next was a pay request from Mid Central Concrete for work on the police department building. It was moved by Olson, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from Mid Central Concrete in the amount of \$42,776.60.

There was a pay request from Chester Contracting for demolition of the interior of the police department building. It was moved by Collins, seconded by Evenson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request to Chester Contracting in the amount of \$10,011.10.

Next Wolfington discussed the sanitary sewer on the 600 block of 11th Street South. There is a sink hole that comes and goes there. Upon running a camera into the sewer line, it showed the line was almost completely blocked, and will need to be dug up to fix the problem. After discussion, it was moved by Evenson, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve T & K Kennedy to dig the sewer at a cost of \$8,532.00.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Heinzig and carried unanimously to approve a sludge license to Lakes Area Pumping for 2017.

It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Collins and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$539,821.38.

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 5:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk