

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

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: City Manager Rob Wolfington, Director of Finance Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Dan Gens, Police Chief Ian Hodge, Laura Ostlie with the Upper MN Valley RDC and Dan Enderson and Melissa Thompson with the Swift County Benson Hospital.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Collins asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. A report from Swift County Benson Health Services was added. It was moved by Evenson, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

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

- August 19, 2019 City Council Minutes
- June 17, 2019 EDA Minutes
- Amend August 5, 2019 City Council Minutes to correct a meeting date

Correspondence:

- Public Works Report

Donations:

- Laura Larson – Beautify Benson - \$20
- Electronic Transfer to Payroll: August 29, 2019 - \$92,445.68

The Mayor asked for anyone with unscheduled business to which there was none.

Enderson and Thompson approached the Council with news that the Hospital District Board had just met at 5 PM and approved the draft letter of intent with Carris Health for affiliation. They handed out and reviewed the affiliation recommendations prepared by the Hospitals Strategic Planning Committee and Affiliation Workgroup. They wanted to provide this information before the special meeting between the City, Swift County, and the Hospital on September 9th. Approvals from both the City and County are needed before this can move forward. They hope to have it in place on January 1, 2020.

Councilmember Schreck offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT CONTRACT
(RESOLUTION 2019-13)**

It is resolved by the **City of Benson** as follows:

1. That the state of Minnesota Contract Number **1033463**, "Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract," at the **Benson Municipal Airport** is accepted.

2. That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute this Contract and any amendments on behalf of the **City of Benson**.

Councilmember Buyck seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded: Ayes; All, Opposed: None.

The City Manager reviewed a notice received from Alliance Pipeline regarding a potential expansion to the natural gas pipeline system which would include a new Benson Compressor Station.

Motion was made by Evenson, seconded by Buyck and carried unanimously to approve a request to purchase the ribs for the Benson Golf Club Ribfest in the amount of \$2,500.

The City Manager reviewed the League of MN Cities Regional Meeting brochure that will be held in Benson on October 9, 2019 and encouraged Council members to attend if they are able to.

Motion was made by Evenson seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to approve a Capital Outlay Request from the water department for a pickup and service body in the amount of \$42,166.68.

The meeting was recessed at 6:12 to go on a bus tour of city projects.

The meeting was reconvened by Mayor Collins. There being no further business to come before the Council upon motion by Buyck, seconded by Olson and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk