

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Paul Kittelson. Members present: Sue Fitz, Ben Hess, Bob Claussen, Gary Landmark, and Paul Kittelson. Members absent: None. Also present: Finance Director Glen Pederson, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, and Swift County HRA Director Vicky Syverson.

There was no one with unscheduled business to come before the Council.

At 5:30 p.m. the Mayor recessed the meeting and the Council went on a bus tour. Vicky Syverson showed the Council the progress on the residential properties that were awarded Small City Development Grants. During the tour, the Public Works Director informed the Council that due to the poor condition of the street light poles on Highway 29 by the Northside Rec Area, he plans to remove the poles except at the intersections. The reason for the change is that a street light pole came down after being hit by a lawn mower this summer. He is planning to proceed with this project unless he hears any objections from the Council; no objections were heard.

At 6:06 p.m. the Mayor reconvened the meeting at City Hall.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes on the consent agenda:

- a. October 4, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. October 4, 2010 Benson Planning Commission Meeting
- c. September 8, 2010 Benson HRA Meeting
- d. October 14, 2010 Benson Safety Committee Meeting

The following correspondence was reviewed:

- Sydney Laumeyer dated 9.30.10 RE: Request for a "Caution Children at Play" sign. This request was forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Hess and carried unanimously to approve an Application for an Exempt Permit from Northern Lights Trails Snowmobile Club for a raffle on December 4, 2010.

Council Member Landmark offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING WATER RATES
(RESOLUTION NO. 2010-26)**

WHEREAS, a Water Rate Study and Water Supply and Distribution Study were conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Supply and Distribution Study showed the need to upgrade the existing Water Treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the current water rates are not adequate to meet the current fixed operating costs and new debt service amounts for the upgraded Water Treatment Plant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following water rates are adopted effective January 1, 2011:

RESIDENTIAL

Service Charge	\$12.50
Consumption Rates	
0-3 Units	\$ 1.35
4-7 Units	\$ 1.60
Over 7 Units	\$ 1.90

COMMERCIAL

Service Charge	
5/8” – 1” Meters	\$17.50
1¼” – 2” Meters	\$29.50
Larger than 2” Meters	\$62.50
Consumption Rate	\$ 1.60

Councilmember Fitz seconded the foregoing Resolution and the following vote was recorded:
AYES: Landmark, Fitz, Hess, Claussen, Kittelson. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Mayor declared Resolution No. 2010-26 duly passed and adopted.

Member Fitz informed the Council that the Planning Commission discussed making 14th Street South between McKinney Avenue and Minnesota Avenue into a one-way street. Other options were also discussed, but the majority of the neighbors said to leave the street as it is. The recommendation from the Planning Commission was to leave 14th Street South as it is. There was consensus of the Council to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The Public Works Director informed the Council that staff solicited for fuel bids for the City’s fuel needs from November 1, 2010 to November 1, 2012. The following bids were received:

Glacial Plains Cooperative

Unleaded Gasoline Self Service	\$2.809 per gallon
E-85 Fuel Self Service	\$2.159 per gallon
#2 Diesel Fuel Self Service	\$3.117 per gallon
#1 Diesel Fuel Self Service	\$3.335 per gallon
#2 Premium Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel	
Full Transport Bulk	\$2.645 per gallon
One-Half Transport Bulk	\$2.655 per gallon

Holiday Stationstores

Unleaded Gasoline Self Service	Pump Price less \$.04 per gallon [On Oct. 14: \$2.899 - .04 = \$2.859]
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It was moved by Fitz, seconded by Claussen and carried unanimously to authorize staff to enter into a contract with Glacial Plains Cooperative to furnish the City’s fueling needs from November 1, 2010 to November 1, 2012.

The Finance Director reviewed an amendment to the Personnel Policies to add a new section: Postretirement Health Care Savings Arrangement. It was moved by Landmark, seconded

by Claussen and carried unanimously to add a new section: Postretirement Health Care Savings Arrangement to the Personnel Policies as presented.

A brief review of the Budget Report through the month ending September 30, 2010 was held.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$342,130.45.

Member Fitz brought up her disappointment with people that dropped off a microwave, leave bags, etc. at the City's compost pile.

It was moved by Claussen, seconded by Fitz and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk