

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Evenson. Members present: Jack Evenson, Nancy Maanum, Gary Landmark, Dan Enderson and Chris Carruth. Members Absent: None. Also present: City Clerk Valerie Alsaker, Director of Finance Lisa Kent, Public Works Director Elliot Nelson, City Manager Rob Wolfington, City Attorney Stephen Kowal, CEDA Representative Hillary Tweed, Police Chief Ian Hodge and Reed Anfinson.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for any additions. Special Meeting to Canvass the 2024 General Election was added. It was moved by Enderson, seconded by Carruth and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

It was moved by Maanum, seconded by Enderson, and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Nelson presented a pay request from A.L.T. for tree removal, and recommended approval. It was moved by Carruth, seconded by Enderson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from A.L.T. Tree Service in the amount of \$19,966.00.

Nelson then presented a quote from Quality Flow for a lift station pump. This pump at the west end of town that services CASE needs to be replaced as soon as possible. We repaired this pump last spring. It was moved by Carruth, seconded by Landmark and carried unanimously to approve the quote from Quality Flow in the amount of \$8,959.00.

Next Nelson presented a pay request from Ferguson Asphalt Paving, Inc. for bituminous work for the year. \$65,845.50 Of the bill is for cart path work at the Benson Golf Course, which they will be reimbursing the City for. It was moved by Maanum, seconded by Enderson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from Ferguson Asphalt Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$74,417.67.

Alsaker approached with a resolution for unpaid water, sewer, storm sewer and garbage services. She said each property owner had been sent a letter, informing them if the services go unpaid, they will be assessed to their taxes. Councilmember Landmark offered the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SETTING ASSESSMENTS FOR WATER AND
SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF
BENSON, MINNESOTA FOR 2024 PAYABLE 2025
(RESOLUTION NO. 2024-22)**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Benson City Council that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 444 that the assessment roll for 2024 Sewer and Water Bills as prepared by the City Manager is hereby approved and made a part therefore; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessments hereinafter noted shall be submitted to the County Auditor on or before October 31, 2024 and placed on the tax roll for collection with the taxes collectible in 2025.

Account Number, Name & Address	Legal Description & Parcel No.	Water	Sewer	Garbage	Storm Sewer	Totals
302-005700-02 200 15 th St S Olivia Karels & Derek Heike	MORRIS & PAYTE'S ADDITION LTS 1 & 2 BLK 42 23-0257-000	\$9.83	\$14.34	\$5.13	\$1.83	\$31.13
202-008800-01 1912 Atlantic Ave Richard Rasmussen	ALTON HUME ADDITION 40 X 135 FT PT LOT 3 BLK 1 1 BEG AT THE SE COR OF LOT 2 BLK 1; THENCE NWLY ALONG THE S LINE OF SAID BLK 1 & PARALLEL WITH ATLANTIC AVE 170 FT TO A PT 46 FT E OF THE SW COR OF LOT 3;THE PT OF BEG, THEN NLY & PARA WITH W LINE OF SAID LOT 3 E 135 FT THEN ELY AT RT ANG 40 FT, THEN SLY & PARA WITH SAID W LINE OF LT 3 135 FT TO SO LINE OF LT 3, THEN WLY ALONG THE S LINE OF LT 3 40 FT TO PT OF BEG 23-0765-000	\$8.10	\$407.50	\$158.68	\$75.00	\$649.28
303-0142-00-02 2135 Pacific Ave Cathy Lansverk	FAIRVIEW 2ND ADDITION BEG AT THE NE COR OF LOT 1 BLK 2; THEN W 60 FT; THEN S 170 FT; THEN E 60 FT; THEN N 170 FT TO THE PT OF BEG 23-0853-000	\$8.10	\$407.50	\$159.12	\$50.00	\$624.72
202-007300-04 313 19 th St N Subyco Inc	MCKINNEY'S 3RD ADDITION S 16 FT OF LT 1 BLK 4;N 42 FT OF LT 2 BLK 4 23-0529-000	\$70.60	\$96.93	\$24.91	\$6.77	\$199.21
202-009700-29 2104 Atlantic Ave Apt#1 M R Properties LLC	Alton Hume Addition Lot 8 Blk 1 23-0772-000	\$33.33	\$75.90	\$4.13	\$1.29	\$114.65

302-007500-04 411 16 th St S Crown B Properties LLC	MCKINNEY'S 1ST ADDITION LTS 7 & 8 BLK 7 23-0455-000	\$95.89	\$101.06	\$61.94	\$12.25	\$271.14
302-011400-30 1615 Pacific Ave M R Properties LLC	MORRIS & PAYTE'S ADDITION LTS 8 & 9 BLK 44 23-0282-000	\$14.97	\$15.11	\$5.42	\$1.93	\$37.43
304-017000-04 1805 Kansas Ave Aaron & Holly Olson	FAIRVIEW ADDITION LOTS 23 & 24 BLK 1 23-0785-000	\$55.54	\$63.71	\$19.13	\$6.83	\$145.21
502-009300-26 115 15 th St N Christina Narragon	CITY OF BENSON N1/2 OF LTS 1,2,& 3 BLK 40 23-0252-000			\$22.07	\$4.14	\$26.21
104-0074-00-06 907 – 11 th St. N. James Faulkner	LYNN PARK ADDITION LOT 6 & N 40 FT LOT 7 BLK 12 23-0725-000	\$15.84	\$16.28	\$5.87	\$2.10	\$40.09
303-0056-00-05 205 20 TH St. S. Hugh Muehlberg & Penny Bertek	FAIRVIEW ADDITION LOTS 17 & 18 BLK 4 23-0808-000	\$62.82	\$77.50	\$28.00	\$10.00	\$178.32
TOTALS		\$375.02	\$1275.83	\$494.40	\$172.14	\$2317.39

Councilmember Maanum seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded:
 AYES: Evenson, Landmark, Enderson, Maanum, Carruth. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared
 Resolution 2024-22 duly passed and adopted.

Next Prairie Five Reach out for Warmth is requesting support for the upcoming heating season. Mayor Evenson noted we supported them in the amount of \$1,000 last year. It was moved by Carruth and seconded by Maanum to again support the program in the amount of \$1,000. Enderson asked about the donation. Wolfington said this support goes to local residents having trouble paying their bills in the heating season. He went on to say the local donations are often matched at the State level and can come back locally with a higher dollar amount, based on donations. The motion carried unanimously.

Wolfington presented a pay request for the Rosenbauer pumper apparatus. This truck has been in the build since 2022. The change orders were discussed. It was then moved by Carruth, seconded by Enderson and carried unanimously to approve the pay request from Heiman Inc. in the amount of \$313,444.00.

It was moved by Landmark, seconded by Maanum and carried unanimously to approve the bills and warrants in the amount of \$453,955.05.

It was moved by Carruth, seconded by Enderson and carried unanimously to approve setting a special City Council Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers to canvass the 2024 General Election.

The Mayor then said the Council meeting will go into recess for a bus tour of City Projects at 5:41 p.m.

The Meeting was reconvened at 7:01 p.m. The Mayor said the Council looked at current and future projects for the City of Benson.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Maanum, seconded by Enderson and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk