

**MINUTES - BENSON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL
JUNE 5, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Evenson. Members present: Mark Schreck, Jack Evenson, Chris Carruth, Dan Enderson, Nancy Maanum. Members Absent: None. Also present: Director of Finance Lisa Kent, Public Works Director Dan Gens, City Manager Kyle Harris, Police Chief Ian Hodge, CEDA Representative Hillary Tweed, Kari Steinbeisser with Conway, Dueth and Schmiesing, Jon Buyck, City Attorney Don Wilcox, Doug Cook and Reed Anfinson.

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for any additions to the agenda. Resolution for Juneteenth and Airport Engineer Recommendation were added. It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Carruth and carried unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

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

- May 15, 2023 City Council Meeting
- May 23, 2023 Special City Council Meeting
- April 24 2023 EDA Meeting
- Annual Pioneerland Bandfest Request - \$3,500 – (Tourism Funding)
- Electronic Transfers:
Payroll: May 18, 2023 - \$97,823.03
Journal Entries: April 2023 - \$3,613,793.13

The Mayor asked for anyone with unscheduled business. Doug Cook approached the Council to ask how to get connected to City sewer. He has City water and asked how to go about requesting service. Evenson said he may possibly need to go to the Planning Commission and this would be his first step. He thanked the Council.

The Mayor called on Kari Steinbeisser to present the City Audit for 2022. Steinbeisser went through a power point presentation showing changes in fund balances from the prior year. A new standard to be implemented for 2023 will be technology leases. Their audit report shows an unqualified opinion. A motion was made by Enderson and seconded by Maanum to accept the 2022 Audit for the City of Benson. The following vote was taken: AYES: Enderson, Schreck, Carruth, Maanum, Evenson. NAYES: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Harris approached to discuss recently passed State legislation acknowledging Juneteenth as a holiday to be observed on June 19. The City will not be allowed to conduct City business on this day. This holiday will also need to be added to the bargaining agreements. After discussion, Councilmember Schreck offered the following resolution:

**CITY OF BENSON
RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING JUNETEENTH
AS A CITY HOLIDAY
(RESOLUTION NO. 2023-21)**

WHEREAS, Juneteenth (June 19), as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 10.55, recognizes as a new federal holiday celebrating freedom from slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota outlines “Holiday”, in State Statute and after being duly passed in both the House and the Senate, Senate File 13, amending the definition, was presented to the Governor and signed into law on February 3, 2023, recognizing Juneteenth as a state holiday; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the bill will go into effect on August 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, after being duly passed in both the House and the Senate, House File 1830, amending section 645.44, subdivision 5 of Minnesota Statutes, was presented to the Governor and signed into law on May 24, 2023.

WHEREAS, as recognition of this holiday, no public business can be conducted on Juneteenth effective May 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City of Benson will recognize Juneteenth as a holiday beginning June 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the labor bargaining agreements shall be amended with the addition of Juneteenth as an observed holiday.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Benson City Council establishes Juneteenth (June 19) as a City of Benson holiday with the closure of City offices; and the date and rules of observance of the holiday shall be as specified in Minnesota Statutes §645.44.

Councilmember Enderson seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Evenson, Schreck, Enderson, Landmark, Carruth. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2023-21 duly passed and adopted.

Harris said as a result of the previous holiday resolution, he noted we can no longer meet at our next regularly scheduled meeting on June 19, 2023. He also suggested with the 4th of July Holiday falling on a Tuesday, there may be some conflict with vacations on the 3rd of July. He proposed backing up the next three City Council meetings. After discussion, it was moved by Carruth, seconded by Enderson and carried unanimously to approve changing City Council meetings from June 19, July 3 and July 17, 2023 to June 26, July 10 and July 24, 2023.

Kent approached the Council and presented the two-year Airport Maintenance and Operations Grant Contract with MnDOT FAA that will be effective from July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025. This contract has been in place for many years. The agreement reimburses for things such as snow and ice removal, mowing, utilities and general building maintenance which we can be reimbursed up to \$27,445.00 per year. After discussion, Council member Carruth offered the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AIRPORT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION GRANT CONTRACT
(RESOLUTION 2023-22)**

It is resolved by the City of Benson as follows:

1. That the state of Minnesota Contract Number 1053248, “Airport Maintenance and Operation Grant Contract,” at the Benson Municipal Airport is accepted.
2. That the Mayor and Director of Finance are authorized to execute this Contract and any amendments on behalf of the City of Benson.

Councilmember Schreck seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded: AYES: Evenson, Schreck, Enderson, Landmark, Carruth. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2023-22 duly passed and adopted.

Harris explained the current airport engineer contract with TKDA expired May 31, 2023. Last April, the City sent out a request for proposal to engineering firms. Earlier today at the Airport Board meeting, the proposals were reviewed from Bolton & Menk and Bollig, and scored. The Airport Board recommends Bolton & Menk to the City Council for the next 5-year engineering contract at the airport. It was moved by Schreck, seconded by Carruth and carried unanimously to approve the Bolton & Menk based on the scoring done by the Airport Board.

Kent approached to discuss the April 2023 budget report.

Harris approached to discuss transformer purchases. Council approved three of them in August of 2022, with each transformer not to exceed \$10,000. Of the three on the bill provided, one of these went over by \$20. One of the transformers was in our inventory and sent out to be refurbished. The other two were purchased as refurbished units. There is currently a request for repairs of two additional transformers sent out last fall. It was authorized to send them out as the lead time on repairs were several months out at that time. These transformers have come back with a repair price tag of \$29,470. Harris recommended approval. It was moved by Carruth, seconded by Maanum and carried unanimously to approve repairs on all 5 transformers.

Harris presented the Rate Resolution with some additions and some changes. The Council discussed the resolution. Enderson offered the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES
FOR VARIOUS SERVICES, LICENSES AND PERMITS
FOR THE CITY OF BENSON, MINNESOTA

Now Therefore, the City Council of the City of Benson, Minnesota, resolves:

Section 1. All fees and charges in effect as of the date of the adoption of the city code for the city shall remain in effect unless otherwise modified by the provisions of this resolution. All citations below are to various sections of the city code unless otherwise indicated.

Section 2. The following are the fees and charges for the permits, licenses and services listed below which are referenced to the section of the city code which authorizes their establishment:

1. Pursuant to § 30.01, an inexcusable absence of a Council Member or the Mayor from any meetings, special or regular, shall result in a fine of \$10.00 levied against the absent member upon majority vote of those members of the Council present.
2. Pursuant to § 33.34, if any item of unclaimed property in possession of the city appears to have a value of \$25.00 or less, is hazardous to store, or is perishable, the Chief of Police or his or her authorized representative may sell or otherwise dispose of such property in whatever manner the Chief of Police determines reasonable and appropriate.
3. Pursuant to Ch. 50: Appendix: Utility Rates, Ch. 52: Appendix: Sewer Service Charges, Ch. 53 & Ch. 55, the utility rates are as follows:

ELECTRIC SERVICE CONNECTION FEE: A flat rate of \$50 for each temporary service shall be charged and collected prior to installation of any temporary service.

Water main connection fee:

5/8" - 1" meter	\$250.00
1¼" - 2" meter	\$350.00
Larger than 2" meter	\$500.00

The maximum penalty assessed for all utility services is 1.5% per month.

Bulk water setup fee \$25.00
 Water Sales per unit (750 gallons) \$2.50

Fee for disconnection and reconnection is \$75.00 during regular business hours and \$150 for after hours.

Payment arrangement fee of \$50.00.

4. Pursuant to § 51.06, the fee for garbage collectors license shall be \$100.00 per year.
5. Pursuant to § 52.16, before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, a permit and inspection fee of \$100.00 shall be paid to the Building Inspector at the time the application is filed.
6. Pursuant to § 52.17(A), a special use permit fee of \$50.00 shall be paid to the City Manager at the time the application is filed.
7. Pursuant to § 52.17(F), a charge shall be levied to the holder of a valid permit for each discharge made in the following manner:

Type	Rate
Septic Tank & Port-a-Potty Sludge & Holding Tank Sewage	\$35.00 per 1,000 gals.
Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural waste & other high concentration waste (rate based on analysis of BOD, TSS & chemical content)	

8. Pursuant to § 52.30, the fee to connect to the city sewer system and an inspection fee shall be payable to the City at the time the application is filed:

Residential: \$2,000.00 per Residential Unit of Service

Commercial: Calculated on an estimated water usage divided by residential equivalent unit use of 172 gallons per day, raised to the 0.7th power and multiplied times \$2,000.00. After one year, the actual water consumption shall be used to determine any refund or additional charge due. Minimum charge will be \$2,000.00.

9. Pursuant to § 52.38, no sewer tap license shall be issued to any person as aforesaid until he or she shall have paid to the City Manager a license fee of \$50.00.
10. Pursuant to § 90.04(B)(4), a dog license shall be valid for a period of one year commencing January 1 and expiring December 31 of the year issued; and, except as hereinafter provided, shall be issued only upon payment to the city a license fee of \$10.00.
11. Pursuant to § 90.04(B)(5), upon payment of fees, the city shall furnish each licensee with a metallic tag upon which the licensee shall have stamped or engraved the registered number of the dog, the word "Benson", and the year registered. The design of the tag shall be changed from year to year. In case the metallic tag is lost or stolen after having been regularly issued as herein provided, the

licensee, upon presenting to the city the license or receipt issued when the dog was registered, shall receive a duplicate tag and license upon the payment of \$7.00 to the city.

12. Pursuant to § 90.07(C), any dog may be reclaimed from the animal shelter by its owner within the time specified in the notice by the payment to the city of the license fee (if not paid for the current year) and a fee of \$15.00 for each day or fraction of a day that said dog has been confined as the cost of boarding.
13. Pursuant to § 90.18 the fee for dog at large and other animal nuisance is \$75.00
14. Pursuant to § 92.03, no person shall place or suffer to remain any farming implements or any agricultural or other machinery in or upon any street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the city. No person shall in any manner or with any article or thing encumber or obstruct any street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the city, provided, however, that any person owning or operating a business establishment for the retail sale of merchandise in the city may use the sidewalk adjacent to his or her business premises for the purpose of displaying and selling merchandise, and also, a person or organization may use all or a portion of a street, lane, alley, sidewalk, or other public place in the city for temporary use for special events, but only after such person or organization first obtains a written permit allowing such use from the City Manager. The City Manager shall have the authority to grant or deny such permit and if granted he or she shall have the authority to determine the terms, conditions, and duration of such special use permit. The City Council may revoke such permit at any time if such person receiving the permit violates the terms and conditions thereof. The person receiving such permit shall be required to pay a fee of \$5.00 to the city upon receipt thereof.
15. Pursuant to § 92.23, each excavation permit application shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of \$300.00 to be paid by the applicant.
16. Pursuant to § 95, the amount of the first citation of an abandoned vehicle shall be \$25.00.
17. Pursuant to § 111.05, the annual fee for a raffle license shall be \$5.00. The annual fee for a pull-tab license shall be \$100.00. The fee for a single event pull-tab license shall be \$20.00.
18. Pursuant to § 111.22, no bingo occasion shall be conducted except by an eligible organization which has secured a license for that purpose as provided in this subchapter. A license shall be valid for 12 calendar months from the date of issuance. The annual license fee shall be \$10.00.
19. Pursuant to § 111.25, no person shall receive more than \$12.00 as compensation for any duties in connection with any bingo occasion.
20. Pursuant to § 111.28, prizes for a single bingo game shall not exceed \$100.00, except prizes for a game of the type commonly known as a “cover-all” game. “Cover-all” prizes may exceed \$100.00 provided that the aggregate value of such prizes for a bingo occasion shall not exceed \$2,500.00, except that in the case of a bingo occasion during which a “cover-all” game is played for a maximum prize of more than \$100.00 but less than \$500.00, the aggregate value of prizes for the bingo occasion shall not exceed \$3,000.00. Merchandise prizes shall be valued at fair market retail value.
21. Pursuant to § 111.29, gross receipts shall be compared to the checkers’ records for the bingo occasion by a person who did not sell cards for the bingo occasion. If a discrepancy exceeding \$20.00 is found between the amount of gross receipts for a bingo occasion as determined by the checkers’ records, and the amount of gross receipts as determined by totaling the cash receipts, the discrepancy shall be reported to and investigated by the Council.
22. Pursuant to § 112.05, the fee for every such tobacco license shall be \$250.00 per year. Every license shall expire on December 31 after its issuance. For any license issued after January 31 in any year

the fee shall be computed at the rate of \$125.00 plus \$15.00 for each month covered by the license, not to exceed the annual license amount. Licenses shall not be transferable from one person to another.

- 24. Pursuant to § 114.03(D), the fee for a peddler’s license shall be \$30.00
- 25. Pursuant to § 115.03, the license fee shall be \$15.00 for each vehicle (taxi cab) to be operated.
- 26. Pursuant to § 116.03, before an auction permit shall be issued, the applicant shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of \$25.00 as a license fee. In addition to the above-mentioned fee, there shall be paid to the Treasurer for the use of the city by every auctioneer or the owner of any goods, wares, and merchandise sold by auction, except household goods which have been used as such, 10% of the gross receipts accruing from said sale except in when the sale is made.
- 27. Pursuant to § 117.17 (A), the initial license and annual renewal fees for sexually oriented business licenses shall be as follows:

Type I License \$1,000.00
 [Adult Cabaret, Adult Motel, Adult Motion Picture Adult Theater,
 Escort Agency, Exotic Dance Service, and Massage Center]

Type II License \$100.00
 [Adult arcade, Adult bookstore, Adult Novelty, Adult Video Store,
 Semi-Nude Modeling Studio, and other Sexually Oriented Businesses]

- 28. Pursuant to § 117.17 (B), the fee for the application for issuance or renewal of a sexually oriented business employee card shall be \$20.00. The fee is non-refundable. There is no additional fee or charge upon issuance of the card after the completion of the application or renewal process.
- 29. Pursuant to § 150.33, prior to connection of any municipal utility to a manufactured home placed on any lot or within any manufactured home park within the city, said manufactured home shall be inspected by the City Building Inspector and shall be in compliance with the provisions of § 150.32. The owner or occupant of said manufactured home shall make application in writing to the city hall for inspection prior to locating said manufactured home within the city, which application shall be accompanied by an inspection fee of \$50.00.
- 30. Pursuant to § 153.22, before dividing any tract of land into two or more lots or parcels, an owner or subdivider shall, unless a variance is authorized, file with the City Manager: four copies of the preliminary plan; a cash fee of \$25.00 plus \$1.00 for each lot up to a maximum amount of \$150.00. This fee will be used for the expenses of the city in connection with the approval or disapproval of said plan and any final plat which may thereafter be submitted.
- 31. Pursuant to § 154.030, relocations shall require a conditional use permit from the Council wherein the following provisions shall be met: application in the form of a building permit shall be made on forms provided by the City Clerk; and a fee of \$21.00 plus any necessary public costs will be made to the Treasurer, and a receipt for same shall be attached to the application and submitted to the Clerk with proof of the mover’s financial responsibility.

Section 3. The following miscellaneous fees and charges are not addressed in the city code but are hereby established with adoption of this resolution:

BUILDING PERMIT FEES

TOTAL VALUATION	FEE
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\$1.00 to \$500	\$21.00
\$501 to \$2,000	\$21.00 for the first \$500.00 plus \$2.75 for each additional \$100.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$2,000.00
\$2,001 to \$25,000	\$62.25 for the first \$2,000.00 plus \$12.50 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$25,000.00
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$349.75 for the first \$25,000.00 plus \$9.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$50,000.00
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$574.75 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$6.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$100,000.00
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$887.25 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$500,000.00
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2887.25 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$4.25 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof, to and including \$1,000,000.00
\$1,000,001 and up	\$5012.25 for the first \$1,000,000.00 plus \$2.75 for each additional \$1,000.00 or fraction thereof

Other Inspections and Fees:

1. Inspections outside of normal business hours \$42.00 per hour*
2. Re-inspection fees assessed under provisions of Section 305.8 \$42.00 per hour*
3. Inspections for which no fee is specifically indicated (minimum charge-one-half hour) \$42.00 per hour*
4. Additional plan review required by changes, additions or revisions to plans \$42.00 per hour*
5. For use of outside consultants for plan checking and inspections, or both Actual costs**

* Or the total hourly cost to the jurisdiction, whichever is the greatest. This cost shall include supervision, overhead, equipment, hourly wages, and fringe benefits of the employees involved.

** Actual costs include administrative and overhead costs.

LICENSE AND PERMITS	
Golf Cart and Mini Truck Permit.....	\$25.00 [Annual]
Kennel License.....	\$50.00 [Annual]
LIQUOR LICENSES	
• On-Sale Liquor.....	\$1,000.00 [Annual]
• On-Sale Club Liquor License.....	\$500.00 [Annual]
• Sunday Liquor License.....	\$50.00 [Annual]
• Consumption & Display License.....	\$50.00 [Annual]
• Off-Sale Beer License.....	\$15.00 [Annual]
• On-Sale Beer License.....	\$50.00 [Annual]
• On-Sale Wine License.....	\$50.00 [Annual]
• Sidewalk Café Endorsement.....	\$100.00 [Annual]
AIRPORT	
Airport Land Lot Lease.....	\$220.00 per year
AV Fuel.....	20% over cost
HANGAR RENT:	
• 12 Month Lease.....	\$65.00 per month (includes 10% AV fuel discount)
• Monthly Rate.....	\$80.00 per month (No AV fuel discount)
• Daily Rate.....	\$15.00 per day
TEE HANGAR:	
▪12 Month Lease.....	\$100.00 per month (includes 10% AV fuel discount)
▪Monthly Rate.....	\$120.00 per month (No AV fuel discount)
CEMETERY	
Grave Lot.....	\$500.00/grave
Staking Fee.....	\$50.00

Monument Fee.....	\$50.00
Columbarium Niche.....	\$2,000/Niche - Top Row \$1,835/Niche - Second Row \$1,670/Niche - Third Row \$1,500/Niche - Fourth Row
CITY PARKS	
Shelter Reservation Fee.....	\$25.00 (includes tax)
CAMPING FEES: (sales tax not included)	
• Tents, Non-hookup site.....	\$25.00 per night or \$120.00 per week (tax included)
• Hookup site [includes water, sewer & electric]	\$40.00 per night or \$210.00 per week tax included \$30.00 per night (includes tax)
• Electric Only sites.....	
• Reservation Fee.....	\$5.00 per site
• Cancellation Fee.....	\$5.00 (non-taxable)
SWIMMING POOL RATES: (sales tax included)	
• Daily Admission – Adult [18 & over].....	\$6.00
• Daily Admission – Teen [13 to 17].....	\$5.00
• Daily Admission Child [12 & under].....	\$4.00
• Resident Family Pass.....	\$145.00 [limited to 5 immediate family members]
• Non-Resident Family Pass.....	\$180.00 [limited to 5 immediate family members]
• Additional Family Members – Resident.....	\$25.00
• Additional Family Members – Non-Resident...	\$35.00
• Resident Individual Pass.....	\$105.00
• Non-Resident Individual Pass.....	\$130.00
• Punch Pass – Adult.....	\$50.00
• Punch Pass – Teen.....	\$42.00
• Punch Pass – Child.....	\$30.00
• AM Swim.....	\$2.00
• PM Swim.....	\$2.00
• One Hour Pool Rental.....	\$138.94 [\$130.00 w/o tax]
• Party Room Rental.....	\$30.00 per hour
• Family Swim.....	½ of daily admission
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire Call.....	\$750.00 per call plus \$350 per hour for the 2 nd and subsequent hours
Residential Smoke False Alarms.....	\$350.00 per call
Rescue Squad Call.....	\$130.50 per 15 min. plus \$6.25 per mile
Copy of Fire Report	\$25.00
PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATION FEES	
Conditional Use Permit.....	\$250.00 per application
Conditional Use Permit-Home Occupation.....	\$250.00 per application
Variance Permit.....	\$250.00 per application
Demolition Permit.....	\$15.00 [Per Building]
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
Armory Rent.....	\$35.00 per hour / \$100.00 per day
City Council Chambers & Fire Hall Rent.....	\$25.00 per day (free to non-profit groups)
Bad Check Fee.....	\$30.00
Current Service Assessment Fee.....	\$50.00
Used Street Signs.....	\$10.00

Garbage Fee - 35 gallon garbage cart (monthly).....	\$11.00
Garbage Fee - 64 gallon garbage cart (monthly).....	\$14.00
Garbage Fee - 96 gallon garbage cart (monthly).....	\$19.00
Overfilled Garbage Cart Fee (weekly).....	\$ 4.00

EXCAVATION FEES

Asphalt in Right-of-way.....	\$13.00 per sq. ft.
Driveway.....	\$23.00 per sq. ft.
Curb.....	\$30.00 per lineal ft.
Sidewalk.....	\$20.00 per sq. ft.

DISEASED ELM TREE REMOVAL -

Tree located:

- On property owner’s front, side & rear yard..... 100% property owner cost
- On side yard boulevard..... 100% City cost
- On front yard boulevard..... 50% City/50% property owner cost

NOTE: Property owner has option of hiring someone other than the City’s tree contractor to remove a diseased elm tree on the front yard blvd. but then the City will not participate in the cost to remove the tree.

FAX CHARGES:

- To Send..... \$1.00 per page
- To Receive..... 50¢/page to receive

PARKING FEES:

- Overtime Parking..... \$25.00
- Parking in Yellow..... \$25.00
- Other Illegal or Improper Parking..... \$35.00
- Snow Emergency..... \$50.00

PHOTOCOPIES AND PRINTING:

- 8½ x 11, 8½ x 14 & 11 x 17..... 20¢ per side
- Color 8½ x 11, 8½ x 14 & 11 x 17..... 50¢ per side
- Plotter..... \$4.00 per page

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Labor for Public Works & Line Crew	\$80.00per hour
All Public Works Pickups	\$10.00 per hour or \$50.00 per day + Current IRS Mileage Rate

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT:

- Sul Air Compressor 225 cfm\$140.00 per day plus fuel [without operator]
- Ringomatic Potholer Vac Machine..... \$140.00 per day [without operator]
- Electric Pole Rent (CenturyLink).....\$4.50 per pole [Annual]
- Trailer Mounted Diesel Generator 40kw 3Ø 208V \$140.00 per day plus fuel [without operator]
- Kubota Portable Diesel Gen. 6.5 kw 1Ø 120/240 \$140.00 per day plus fuel [without operator]
- Sauber Tensioner on Trailer..... \$50.00 per day-MRES Member, \$60.00 per day-Non MRES Member
- Felling Pole Trailer..... \$50.00 per day-MRES Member, \$60.00 per day-Non MRES Member
- Reel Trailer..... \$50.00 per day-MRES Member, \$60.00 per day-Non MRES Member
- 2017 Ford F550 SD Small Bucket Truck #8... \$80.00 per hour-MRES Member, \$85.00 per hour-Non MRES Member plus Current IRS Mileage Rate member & non-member
- 2009 International 4400 Altec AM50E...#10... \$80.00 per hour-MRES Member, \$100.00 per hour-Non MRES Member plus Current IRS Mileage Rate member & non-member
- 1997 Ford F350 1 Ton Dump Truck...#26..... \$65.00 per day -MRES Member, \$100.00 per day -Non MRES Member plus Current IRS Mileage Rate member & non-member
- 2001 Freightliner Versa Lift Digger/Derrick#11..... \$80.00 per hour-MRES Member, \$100.00 per hour-Non MRES Member plus Current IRS Mileage Rate member & non-member

• Panel Van.....#00.....	\$50.00 per day-MRES Member, \$75.00 per day-Non-Member plus Current IRS Mileage Rate member & non-member
• Case 560 Trencher with operator.....	\$65.00 per hour-MRES Member, \$80.00 per hour-Non MRES Member
• Trenching: 1999 Case 560 Chain Trencher.....	\$3.00per foot or \$100.00 per hour [MRES Mbr] \$120.00 [Non-MRES Mbr] –whichever is higher [includes operator]
• Boring: 2007 Ditch Witch 2020 Boring Machine	\$4.00 per foot [includes operator]
2015 Bobcat Skid Steer	\$65.00 per hour-MRES Member, \$150.00 per hour-Non MRES Member
• 1992 Vermeer Wood Chipper.....	\$65.00 per hour-MRES Member, \$100.00 per hour-Non MRES Member
PARKS DEPARTMENT:	
• Mosquito Spraying.....	\$80.00 per hour [man & pickup]
• Mosquito Spray.....	\$42.00 per gallon
• Mowing Fees (includes equipment).....	\$100.00 per hour [minimum charge of \$100.00]
• Vermeer Tree Spade.....	\$85.00 per hour [includes operator]
• 2008 Case Dx45 Utility Tractor w/attach.....	\$80.00 per hour plus materials
STREET DEPARTMENT:	
• 2007 Edco 14” Concrete Saw.....	\$70.00 per hour plus saw blades [includes operator]
• Misc. Saws.....	\$70.00 per hour plus blades or chains [includes operator]
• Router.....	\$105.00 per hour [includes operator]
• Tar Kettle.....	\$80.00 per hour plus materials [includes operator]
• Tack Wagon.....	\$105.00 per hour plus materials [includes operator]
• 2016 Linelazer 3900 Striper.....	\$105.00 per hour plus materials [includes operator]
• Self Propelled Steel Roller Packer.....	\$75.00 per hour [includes operator]
• 2017 320E Skid Steer.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
• Rubber Tire Roller Compactor.....	\$75.00 per day [without operator]
• 2015 Elgin Pelican Sweeper.....#1.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
• 2002 John Deere 544H Loader...#4.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator with bucket or plow]
• 2014 Case Loader.....#5.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
• 2006 John Deere 624 Loader.....#13.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator with bucket or plow]
• Tandem Dump Truck – 12 yd. Box...#15,16,18	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
• Tandem Truck with Sander.....#16.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator] plus \$55.00 per yd for sand salt
• 2013 Chevy 1 Ton w/Plow & Utility Dump#21	\$65.00 per hour 1 ton, \$80.00 with Plow [with operator]
• 2008 John Deere 772G Motor Grader.....#28.	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator with blade or plow & wing]
• 2005 John Deere 317 Skid Steer.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
• 2005 Wildcat Snowblower.....	\$80.00 per hour [includes operator]
• 1988 John Deere 550G Dozer.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
WATER DEPARTMENT:	
• Backhoe – 2018 Case 580N #20.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]
• Tanaka Trash Pump.....	\$75.00 per day [without operator]
WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:	
• 2018 Freightliner Jet-Vac...#27.....	\$150.00 per hour [includes operator]

Councilmember Maanum seconded the foregoing resolution and the following vote was recorded:
 AYES: Evenson, Schreck, Enderson, Landmark, Carruth. NAYES: None. Thereupon the Mayor declared Resolution 2023-23 duly passed and adopted.

Tweed approached the Council to discuss the 2024 International Biomass Conference. The City has attended this conference for over 10 years now. Our attending keeps us in front of bio industry businesses, which will keep Benson in the forefront of builder's minds where to locate their business. She continued the booth rates have been raised to \$2,849 for next year. She explained Swift County has made a verbal commitment to pay half of the expenses of the trip. On June 15, 2023 the EDA recommended approval to attend the conference. It was moved by Carruth, seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to approve Tweed representing the City of Benson at the 2024 International Biomass Conference.

The Mayor presented a pay request from Stantec. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the pay request in the amount of \$66,112. There was no motion made. Enderson said he does not understand the pay request enough to vote on it. Harris explained there were two Utility Committee meetings. Conversations were had with Stantec representative Erick Lembke. One was to discuss the contract the other was to get an explanation from Stantec on the overage charges. \$28,000 Was for cost overruns they felt they could go ahead with. The \$38,000 has to do with boiler issues along with other delays. They said they should be done with this project by September 1, 2023. There was a lack of oversight on the project, and Stantec felt they had authority on the overrun costs. Schreck said at the Utility meeting with Stantec, he asked Lembke several questions, and they had a hard time answering for the overruns. He went on to say this project was supposed to be done in 2022, and he feels the engineer and the City should share in the over run costs. Enderson asked what happens to the project if we don't pay. Wilcox stated the question is the whether the charges presented were part of the original scope of work. If the project was harder than they thought, it doesn't give them the right to charge more without Council approval. Wilcox said if Stantec won't finish the project, we will need to hire someone else. Harris said Stantec asked if they need to cease work on the project until the pay request responsibility is resolved. Mayor Evenson asked again for a motion to pay Stantec. No motion was made.

Next was the Armory bid. Tweed approached and recapped the Council's decision to reject all Armory project bids except the low bid at the last Council meeting. The low bid from Baratto Brothers expires today. The Mayor asked for a motion to either accept or reject the low bid. Carruth made a motion to reject the low bid. He explained after he and Maanum toured the building, he said he doesn't feel we will be happy with what the \$1.2 million will give us for a final project. It doesn't address enough of the major issues with the building. Maanum seconded the motion. Evenson asked for discussion. Enderson asked what's next. He feels we can now give Tweed and Harris more time to potentially find more grant money. Tweed said with the current grant, we have three years to spend the money, but if we give a deadline of two years for contractors, it gives us more room in the end to finish the project. Schreck asked Tweed how long will she need to find additional grants. She said many grants are awarded in the fall, so she said through the end of the year. She continued the Council needs to make a determination on exactly what they want for the building, so when she writes a grant, she is being precise on the project. The current grant parameters were discussed. Being there was no other discussion, the motion carried unanimously. The Council directed Tweed to see what other grants are out there to add to our current grant. Carruth thanked Tweed for all her work on the Armory project.

There being no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Maanum seconded by Schreck and carried unanimously to adjourn the Council meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk