

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF BENSON, ARIZONA HELD OCTOBER 15, 2007
AT CITY HALL AT 6:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR FENN
OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:00 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR FENN, VICE MAYOR KING,
COUNCILMEMBERS LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN, SACCO,
SUAGEE, (arriving at 6:25 p.m.) and TIPTON**

Invocation: Mayor Fenn introduced Reverend Kirk Sorenson, Assemblies of God who then gave the invocation.

Presentation by Ken
Strobeck, Executive Director
and Tom Belshe, Deputy
Director, of the League of
Arizona Cities and Towns,
for Elected Officials:

Ken Strobeck and Tom Belshe addressed Council regarding the rules and regulations of elected officials. Mr. Strobeck's discussion included the issue regarding city authority versus state authority, however, he stated the varying opinions on this subject should not affect the way Council operates and creates laws. The discussion also included issues facing Councilmembers. Mr. Strobeck then addressed Council on the Mayor/Manager form of government and the Council/Manager form of government. The City of Benson operates on this system with the Mayor and Council being the policy setters with the City Manager running the day to day operations. The City Manager works under Council direction, but can also recommend and bring ideas and policies to Council to act on. Mr. Strobeck stated this system works well. Mr. Strobeck stated Councilmembers have a significant role in our city and their responsibilities are to do their best, have a vision and plan for the future.

Tom Belshe then addressed Council regarding the legal aspects of the City Council. Mr. Belshe stated Council should utilize staff, specifically the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City Clerk. Mr. Belshe then addressed the subject of Arizona's Open Meeting Law and explaining violations to that law. This discussion included the content and posting of agendas and quorum notices. Mr. Belshe then addressed Council concerning public records and what constitutes a public record. Mr. Belshe then discussed conflicts of interest, financial disclosure reports and the call to the public during Council meetings. Both Mr. Strobeck and Mr. Belshe advised Council to seek legal advice from the City Attorney if a question arises on any of these subjects.

Adjournment:

Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk