

**THE WORK SESSION
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JANUARY 12, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

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

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR FENN, VICE MAYOR KING
COUNCILMEMBERS BONCQUET, LAMBERT, LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN and SACCO**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and direction to staff regarding the adoption of the 2006 International Building and Fire Codes:

Mayor Fenn extended condolences to Councilmember Sacco on the recent loss of his wife. Mayor Fenn then opened the item and turned the time over to Fire Chief Keith Spangler and Michael McMillan of Brown & Associates who is working with the City to update the Building and Fire Codes. Chief Spangler addressed Council stating he requested the worksession to receive direction from Council before bringing the codes to Council for adoption.

Mayor Fenn then stated building codes are normally adopted three years behind the International Codes, with Mr. McMillan stating this enables the newer codes to be amended before jurisdictions adopt them. Mr. McMillan then stated the Codes were updates based on new technical data and research as well as product, so it was important to stay up with the times and update these codes every 3 years.

Council then discussed the fire apparatus access roads being changed to 120 feet from 150 feet, the fire hydrant spacing, fire sprinklers being exempt for residences, and concerns about requiring fire sprinklers in an existing building if it were vacant for 12 months. Chief Spangler stated if modifications to the building that changed the plumbing or were not minor in nature were made or if there was a change in occupancy, then the building would need to be brought up to code and would require sprinklers. Further discussion continued to include new construction requiring sprinklers and the exemptions, attic access opening, the language regarding the penalties being added to the administrative section, grey water recycling and reinforced foundations.

Council then instructed Chief Spangler to address the changes they would like to see in the code and bring them back to the Council in another worksession before proposing action at a regular Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk