

**THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JUNE 27, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN
OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:02 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR FENN, VICE MAYOR KING,
COUNCILMEMBERS LODZINSKI, McGOFFIN, SACCO, SUAGEE AND TIPTON**

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of the Benson
Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Budget

Mayor Fenn turned the meeting over to Finance Director Jim Cox. Mr. Cox thanked Council and staff who helped with the budget. Mr. Cox then handed out a memo with the latest changes.

City Manager Martin Roush thanked everyone involved in the budget process.

Councilmember Al Sacco thanked staff.

Dianne Tipton stated that she appreciated all the hard work that went into the budget and that this year's budget was easier to read.

Councilmember Suagee responded to Paul Lotsof's comment that the City needs to promote Economic Development, stating with current City of Benson staff the City will be able to work on this objective.

Vice Mayor King responded by reading a memo showing 2007-2008 Budget-programs that benefit citizens directly.

Councilmember Lodzinski said it was a remarkable year compared to previous years. He stated this year the city can do something to help citizens. He commented that the budget was done professionally and is ready for citizens to understand.

Councilmember McGoffin said this has been the first budget she was actively involved in and found it easy to understand.

Mayor Fenn commented that the budget process has been educational and was enjoyable because it was easy to understand.

Jim Cox stated this was the first year that the city had carry-over funds at the beginning of new fiscal year. He stated policy requires \$20,000 or more spent out of contingency will require approval of council. Mr. Cox stated that the water department has struggled to break even in 2006-2007 budget and that the key factor in breaking even was water conservation.

Councilmember Suagee thanked Martin Roush again for all his efforts on the budget. She also thanked all the staff.

Vice Mayor King said there was talk of running the city as a business and now they are able to do it.

Councilmember Tipton thanked new staff and everyone worked on the budget.

Councilmember Lodzinki motioned to approve the adoption of the City of Benson Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Suagee. Motion approved 7-0.

Adjournment:

Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk