

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD AUGUST 27, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN
OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M WITH
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Fenn read a proclamation of the Mayor and City Council proclaiming August 27, 2007 as "Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Recipients Appreciation Day" honoring Reginald Garavito. Mayor Fenn then presented Mr. Garavito with the proclamation.

Mayor Fenn then read a proclamation of the Mayor and City Council proclaiming August 27, 2007 as "Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Recipients Appreciation Day" honoring Walter Schmidt Jr. Mayor Fenn then presented Mr. Schmidt with the proclamation.

EMPLOYEE
RECOGNITION:

Mayor Fenn recognized Paul Teza for 5 years of service with the City of Benson.

Mayor Fenn then introduced Mr. Thomas Benavidez, the Interim City Attorney and his associate, Mr. Chris Wencker.

Call to the Public:

David Lambert addressed Council regarding the city attorney position. Mr. Lambert stated that information discussed in executive session should stay in executive session. Mr. Lambert then read statements from a supervisor's guide and spoke regarding ethics. Mr. Lambert then stated Councilmembers are to represent the community and its best interests.

Steven Insalaco addressed Council regarding the Readiness Center. Mr. Insalaco would like Council to consider the property at the airport or on land adjacent to the airport for the Readiness Center. Mr. Insalaco then went on to list the benefits of having the Readiness Center at or adjacent to the airport, including the benefit of not impacting downtown traffic.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember Sacco moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item #1c. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Tipton voting nay.

- 1a. Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2007 Regular Meeting.
- 1b. Appointment of Gary Maluf to the Benson Arts Commission
- 1c. Donation of office supplies by Councilmember Tipton
- 1d. Bills

NEW BUSINESS:

Benson Butterfield Rodeo Committee Request for Sponsorship:

Heather Floyd addressed Council with the request for sponsorship of the Benson Butterfield Rodeo to be held October 13, 2007, and for the use of bleachers, and to provide and assist with the installation of serpentine fencing. Vice Mayor King moved to approve a Corporate Sponsorship in the amount of \$800.00, the use of bleachers and to provide and assist with the installation of serpentine fencing. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution 28-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, supporting a Joint Venture with the State of Arizona, Depart- ment of Emergency and Military Affairs, regarding the Proposed Multi-Use Readiness Center:

Michelle Johnson, GIS/Planner addressed Council stating the National Guard is interested in constructing a Multi-Use Readiness Center in Benson. To accomplish this, the National Guard would request a donation of land from the City and a contribution of 25% of the construction costs. The National Guard would then be using it one weekend per month and two weeks per year. Ms. Johnson stated for the remaining time, the City could utilize the center for recreational programs. Ms. Johnson also spoke about the possibility of the City acquiring grants for the City's monetary contribution. City Manager Martin Roush also addressed Council stating the biggest benefit of this proposed project would be the recreational opportunities utilizing the center. Mr. Roush also stated the National Guard would want this facility centrally located inside the City limits, citing the land the City owns adjacent to Wal-Mart could be a possibility for the center, which could be combined with a park. Vice Mayor King stated he felt this project would be an asset to the community. Mayor Fenn stated that Benson is in a strategic location with Interstate 10, Highway 90, Highway 80, and the railroad all in close proximity. Ms. Johnson then stated that staff is looking for direction to investigate the feasibility of this project. Councilmember Suagee moved to approve Resolution 28-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, supporting a Joint Venture with the State of Arizona, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, regarding the Proposed Multi-Use Readiness Center. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

City of Benson Chapter 16 – Development Fees:

Building Official Mike Lockett addressed Council regarding Chapter 16 – Development Fees. Mr. Lockett stated staff worked on the Development Fees for approximately 8 months, making changes requested by Council. Vice Mayor King moved to approve the City of Benson Chapter 16 – Development Fees. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution 29-2007 of the Mayor and the City Council of Benson, Arizona, declaring as a Public Record that Certain Document entitled “Chapter 16, Fee Schedule”,

dated August, 2007: Vice Mayor King moved to approve Resolution 29-2007 of the Mayor and the City Council of Benson, Arizona, declaring as a Public Record that Certain Document entitled “Chapter 16, Fee Schedule”, dated August, 2007. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 7-0.

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, amending the Benson City Code; Chapter 16; Adopting the “FEE SCHEDULE”,

dated August, 2007: Vice Mayor King moved to approve an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, amending the Benson City Code; Chapter 16; Adopting the “FEE SCHEDULE”, dated August, 2007. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton. Motion passed 7-0.

An Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, amending Benson City Code, Section 13-4-5; decreasing Residential Water Utility Rates for the Consumption Charge per Unit of 100 Cubic Feet of Water

(CCF or 748 Gallons): Councilmember Sacco moved to approve an Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, amending Benson City Code, Section 13-4-5; decreasing Residential Water Utility Rates for the Consumption Charge per Unit of 100 Cubic Feet of Water (CCF or 748 Gallons). Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution 30-2007 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona approving and authorizing Submission of a Request for Grant Funding under the Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response

(SAFER) Program: Fire Chief Keith Spangler addressed Council stating this grant would assist in the hiring of three full-time personnel for the fire department and the City can apply for the grant each year. Chief Spangler stated the grant runs in twelve month cycles starting when the grant is awarded. Chief Spangler stated the City’s strategic plan for the fire department called for 9 full-time

firefighters by the year 2009, however, the projected growth for Benson has been slowing down. Chief Spangler stated that daytime coverage is a big problem for the fire department and the hiring of three full-time firefighters would give one shift full coverage during the day. Councilmember Suagee moved to approve Resolution 30-2007 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona approving and authorizing Submission of a Request for Grant Funding under the Federal Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Program. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

Job Description for the
City Prosecutor:

Councilmember Suagee moved to approve the job description for the City Prosecutor with amendments under Essential Job Functions to show “Represents agency in court ~~and before quasi-judicial or administrative agencies or government~~” and “Prepares and submits to the Council such reports as may be required by that body or as the City Attorney **or City Manager** may deem it advisable to submit”. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 7-0.

Wastewater Rate Adjustment
for Permanently Attached
Manufactured Housing
Units located in
Communities served by
Master Metered Water:

Finance Director Jim Cox addressed Council stating this adjustment would only be applied to permanently attached manufactured housing units located in communities served by master metered water. The adjustment will be based on the actual consumption by each community and will be recalculated each year at the same time water rates are examined. Vice Mayor King thanked staff involved in this study and the process. Vice Mayor King then moved to approve the Wastewater Rate Adjustment for Permanently Attached Manufactured Housing Units located in Communities served by Master Metered Water. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. City Manager Martin Roush then stated this item was an information item only since the City Manager has the authority to proceed. Vice Mayor King then withdrew his motion.

Donation of office
supplies by Council-
member Tipton:

Councilmember Sacco asked what type of supplies and how much was being donated. Councilmember Tipton responded when Pencils Plus went out of business she purchased the remaining inventory. She would like for the City staff to be able to take what they could use. Councilmember Sacco suggested the City donate the supplies to a charity organization. Councilmember Suagee moved to accept the donation of office supplies by Councilmember Tipton and leave it to the City Manager’s discretion to use or dispose of the supplies. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton. Motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Sacco voting nay.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

None.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Lodzinski moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 7-0.

ATTEST:

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk