

**THE WORKSESSION  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD JUNE 25, 2007 AT 6:30 P.M.  
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**MAYOR FENN  
OPENED THE MEETING AT 6:30 P.M WITH  
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

City of Benson Water  
Conservation Plan:

Mayor Fenn turned the meeting over to City Manager Martin Roush. Mr. Roush stated the City would start with a conceptual plan, which would start the framework to work on individual items. Each of those items will be brought to Council for approval. Mr. Roush then brought Public Works Director Brad Hamilton forward, who addressed Council and introduced Alan Forest, P.E. with CH2+MHILL. Mr. Forest gave a brief introduction of the plan and told Council that Benson is facing large growth with limited water. Mr. Forest also stated Benson is at the beginning of the growth curve and has an opportunity to stay ahead of that curve with water conservation being the key. Another advantage of Benson has is both providing and controlling both water and wastewater. These two components working together will help Benson address water conservation. The plan is a general road map of where Benson wants to go in water conservation. Programs such as education, rebates, incentives, disincentives or penalties for excessive water use, are all helping. Reuse and reclaimed water are also components.

Mayor Fenn then opened the meeting for Council discussions and questions.

Councilmember Lodzinski expressed concern regarding developers outside City limits placing wells that would draw water away from the City. Mr. Forest stated this is a valid concern and should be part of a Water Management Plan.

Vice Mayor King questioned the time frame involved in implementing this plan. Mr. Forest then stated that Some parts the plan are divided into phases, with Phase 1 being short term implementations, Phase 2 being mid term implementations and Phase 3 being long term implementations.

Councilmember McGoffin discussed rebates and clarified they would be for retro-fit fixtures, not new construction. Councilmember McGoffin then spoke of reclaimed water being used on parks and golf courses.

Councilmember Sacco spoke of educating the customers on water conservation and Mr. Forest stated the monthly billing is a good way to reach customers. Mr. Forest said that newspaper ads do work, but would be a secondary source of education. He stated the City website would

also be a useful source. Councilmember Sacco then expressed concerns over leaking pipes and meters.

Councilmember Tipton asked if the City was making an attempt to communicate with local businesses to ensure replacement fixtures are available. Mr. Roush stated this could be done after a rebate program were put into place.

Councilmember Suagee addressed Council stating this is the City's water conservation plan and it's up to the City to implement the plan they adopt. Councilmember Suagee feels the plan should be changed to reflect that these water conservation items are "imperative".

Mayor Fenn then spoke of the City's meter replacement program. The program was previously approved to ensure water used is water billed for. Each year, a report is done showing the amount of water pumped and the amount of water billed to customers. Mayor Fenn noted that the water loss percentage decreased approximately 4% since some meters have been replaced. This program is an on-going program and we should see a further decrease in water loss. Public Works Director Brad Hamilton also stated that monitoring construction water has also been implemented.

Adjournment:

Councilmember Lodzinski moved to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 7-0.

ATTEST:

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Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

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Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk