

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON,  
ARIZONA HELD APRIL 9, 2007  
AT CITY HALL AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MAYOR SCOTT  
OPENED THE MEETING AT 7:05 P.M WITH  
THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR SCOTT,  
COUNCILMEMBERS SUAGEE,  
LODZINSKI, KING, FENN and MCGOFFIN  
ABSENT: VICE MAYOR HAMILTON.**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: None.

Call to the Public: Mr. Bruce Shane addressed the Council in reference to the Benson City Center Homes Park. Mr. Shane resides at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Patagonia. He would like to continue living in the park.

Ms. Janie Benjamin addressed the Council and spoke on behalf of the residents of Benson City Center Homes. Ms. Benjamin stated she likes Benson and would like to buy a home someday. She is willing to skirt the RVs if necessary.

Mr. Scott Bunnell lives at 170 N. Patagonia and stated he is being evicted from the lot. He signed a two year lease for the lot and needs this home. He stated he does not want to be evicted.

Mr. Rod Derrick stated his Mother leased spaces to RVs, mobile homes and trailers. He asked what was the difference between RVs, mobile homes and trailers.

Rick Ritz, owner of Benson City Center Homes, brought letters from residents thanking the city for lowering rates. He stated that some of the residents were told to leave immediately. He feels that RV owners should be grandfathered in and be allowed to stay.

Valerie Ritz read a letter regarding the RV residents and that they must move. She asked Council to allow RVs to stay.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember King moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

- 1a. Approval of minutes for the March 26, 2007 Regular Meeting.
- 1b. Resignation of Annie Regan-Phillips from the Arts Commission
- 1c. Appointment of Leo O'Farrell to the Arts Commission.
- 1d. Bills

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation by Donna Matthews from RC&D (Coronado Resource Conservation & Development Area Inc) in reference to the respective obligations of the City of Benson and the RC&D in administering the grant which was awarded for the Birding Trail:

Donna Matthews with Coronado Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc. gave a presentation regarding the obligations of the City of Benson and RC&D in administering the grant which was awarded for the Birding Trail. Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Matthews for her time and effort on this project.

Presentation by Mr. David Walker in reference to the Formation of a Kiwanis Charter:

Mr. David Walker spoke about starting a Kiwanis Charter in the Benson area. The Kiwanis currently have 5 paid new members in the Benson area and are looking for a total of 25 members. Some of the accomplishments they have achieved are preventing iodine deficiency in children and they raised money for bike and skate parks. Mr. Walker said they would help the newly formed Charter for about one year.

Resolution 9-2007 of the Mayor and Council of Benson, Arizona, adopting a Notice of Intention to modify Water Rates and declaring the “City of Benson Water Utility 2007 Cost of Service Update”, dated April, 2007, as a Public Document and setting May 14, 2007 as the Date for Public Hearing on the Proposed Water Rate

Modification:

Councilmember King moved to approve Resolution 9-2007 of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, adopting a Notice of Intention to modify Water Rates and declaring the “City of Benson Water Utility 2007 Cost of Service Update”, dated April, 2007 as a Public Document and setting May 14, 2007 as the date for Public Hearing on the proposed Water Rate Modification. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

City of Benson 2007 Wastewater Cost of Service Update:

Brad Hamilton, Public Works Director asked for time to re-examine the City Code. The Wastewater code will be reviewed and changes will be brought to Council at a later date.

Resolution 10-2007 Adopting a Fair Housing Policy making known the City of Benson’s commitment to the Principle of Fair Housing and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further Fair Housing:

Councilmember Suagee moved to approve Resolution 10-2007 adopting A Fair Housing Policy making known the City of Benson’s Commitment to the principle of Fair Housing and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further Fair Housing amending to include **political persuasion** in the Resolution. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 11-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona setting the number of Volunteer Firefighters for the City of Benson at Thirty-Five (35):

Fire Chief Keith Spangler stated that we currently have Twenty-Five (25) firefighters and Five (5) are being interviewed. Councilmember King moved to approve Resolution 11-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona setting the number of Volunteer Firefighters for the City of Benson at Thirty-Five (35). Seconded by Councilmember Fenn. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 12-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, setting the monthly salary of the Volunteer Firefighters:

Councilmember Lodzinski moved to approve Resolution 12-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona, setting the monthly salary of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400) for the Volunteer Firefighters. Seconded by Councilmember Suagee. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 13-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Cochise County, Arizona Funding for Arizona Office of Tourism Grant for Effective Arizona Marketing (TEAM):

Councilmember King moved to approve Resolution 13-2007 funding for Arizona Office of Tourism Grant for Effective Arizona Marketing (TEAM). Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 14-2007 of the  
Mayor and City Council  
of the City of Benson,  
Cochise County, Arizona  
Funding the Cochise  
County Tourism Council  
Operation Budget:

Councilmember Suagee thanked Bob Nilson for working on these grants. Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve Resolution 14-2007 funding the Cochise County Tourism Council Operation Budget. Seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 6-0.

Emergency Access Easement  
for Meritage Home of  
Arizona, Inc.:

Councilmember Suagee moved to approve Emergency Access Easement for Meritage Home of Arizona, Inc. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

Water Easement for  
Meritage Homes of  
Arizona, Inc.:

Councilmember Fenn moved to approve the Water Easement for Meritage Homes of Arizona, Inc. Seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 6-0.

Contract increase &  
renewal for street  
sweeping with  
Diggins & Sons:

Councilmember Suagee moved to approve the Contract increase and renewal for street sweeping with Diggins and Sons. Seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmember King moved to go into Executive Session at 8:00.  
Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 6-0.

Council reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES: None.

Adjournment:

Councilmember King moved to adjourn at 8:16P.M. Seconded by  
Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 6-0.

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George Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Vivian City Clerk