

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT CITY HALL, 160 S. HUACHUCA, BENSON, ARIZONA**

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

**PRESENT WERE: MAYOR SCOTT, VICE MAYOR HAMILTON  
COUNCILMEMBERS FENN, KING, LODZINSKI,  
SUAGEE AND McGOFFIN**

Call to the Public: Tom Fitzgerald stated that he is collecting signatures for lower utility rates. He then stated he will be watching the Water and Wastewater Cost of Services Review 2007.

Diane Tipton spoke regarding the possibility of changing master metered Manufactured Home Parks to a commercial rate for water charges. She believes these should be considered residential and stated the city benefits from reading less meters. She feels residents would see an increase of 250% and residents in the mobile home parks are on a limited income.

Al Sacco with Benson Clean & Beautiful announced the semi-annual City clean up on March 3, 2007. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM. Mr. Sacco stated that volunteers are still needed.

Jerry DeGrazia stated that he will be commenting on the Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Regulations, Ordinance No. 243, as Amended, to rezone the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 East, Range 19 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Cochise County, State of Arizona, from Rural Transitional (R-T) to Class R-3 Residential District (R-3) Zoning, said Parcel being approximately 245 Acres and Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Regulations, Ordinance NO. 243 as Amended, to Rezone the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 East, Range 19 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Cochise County, State of Arizona, from Rural Transitional (R-T) to General Business (B-2), said Parcel being approximately 60 acres at the time of the item, if Mayor and Council would allow.

Mayor Scott then announced that Mr. John Arnold would like an announcement made that Ramona Morales Apartments have 7 vacancies; they are looking for a live-in manager and a part-time maintenance employee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Lodzinski moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 5-2 with Vice Mayor Hamilton and Councilmember McGoffin voting present.

- 1a. Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2007 Regular Meeting
- 1b. Bills

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Pool Project –  
Contract for Design-Build  
Construction Services:

Mike Lockett addressed the council stating the tentative completion date of the pool is June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the cost of \$550,000. Council would like to see plans and drawings. Councilmember King moved to approve the Community Pool Project – Contract for Design-Build Construction Services. Seconded by Councilmember McGoffin. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recognition of the Benson  
Volunteer Fire Department  
by the GFCE-Arizona  
Benson Juniors:

Judy Thompson, President of the GFWC-Arizona Benson Juniors presented a plaque in recognition of the Benson Volunteer Fire Department for their dedication to the Christmas Baskets and the Toy Drive.

Recognition for the Benson  
Volunteer Fire Department  
by Cochise County  
Supervisors:

Richard Searle Cochise County Supervisor District #3 recognized members of Benson Volunteer Fire Department, Mescal Volunteer Fire Department, and Arizona Department of Safety for their help with the accident on I-10 involving Larry Thompson. Members of these teams present received certificates.

Grant of Easement to Kinder  
Morgan Energy Partners, L. P.  
for new 16” pipeline:

Brad Hamilton, Public Works Director and Dave Korman of Kinder Morgan addressed Council regarding this item. Vice Mayor Hamilton moved to approve grant of Easement to Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L. P. for new 16” pipeline. Seconded by Councilmember Fenn. Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Regulations, Ordinance No. 243, as Amended, to Rezone the Southwest Quarter and the West half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 East, Range 19 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Cochise County, State of Arizona, from Rural Transitional (R-T) to Class R-3 Residential District (R-3) Zoning, said Parcel being approximately 245 Acres:

City Attorney Ann Roberts addressed Council regarding this item. Mr. Jerry DeGrazia and Mr. Hal Ashton with San Pedro Partners stated that \$100,000 would be donated to the pool project as soon as zoning is verified. Councilmember Fenn moved to approve the Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Regulations, Ordinance No. 243, as Amended, to Rezone the Southwest Quarter and the West half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 East, Range 19 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Cochise County, State of Arizona, from Rural Transitional (R-T) to Class R-3 Residential District (R-3) Zoning, said Parcel being approximately 245 Acres. Seconded by Vice Mayor Hamilton. Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Regulations, Ordinance No. 243, as Amended, to Rezone the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 East, Range 10 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Cochise County, State of Arizona, from Rural Transitional (R-T) to General Business (B-2), said Parcel Being approximately 60 acres:

Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve Ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Benson, Arizona, amending the Zoning Regulations, Ordinance No. 243, as Amended, to Rezone the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 17 East, Range 10 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Cochise County, State of Arizona, from Rural Transitional (R-T) to General Business (B-2), said Parcel Being approximately 60 acres. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 7-0.

Resolution 5-2007 of the Mayor  
And City Council of the City of  
Benson, Arizona, supporting the  
Assistance to Firefighters Grant  
Program-Operations and Safety  
Program:

Fire Chief Spangler addressed Council regarding this item. Council thanked the Fire Department for an outstanding job. Councilmember Suagee moved to approve Resolution 5-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, supporting the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-Operations and Safety Program with matching funds in the amount of \$4,309.00. Seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 7-0.

Discussion and direction to the  
Benson Volunteer Fire  
Department Chief Spangler  
Regarding Fire Department  
portion of the City of Benson  
Budget for the Fiscal Year  
2007-2008:

Fire Chief Keith Spangler addressed Council regarding this item and presented a power point presentation. Chief Spangler listed and explained the different options the City may take regarding the creation of a full-time department. He also stated that most calls are between 6:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. noting that this is the time there is a shortage of volunteers and response is often difficult. Council directed City Manager Martin Roush to establish a selection process to hire a full-time Fire Chief. Council then directed Mr. Roush to present this process for Council approval at the March 12, 2007 Council meeting.

Update of Water and  
Wastewater Cost of  
Services Review 2007:

City Manager Martin Roush addressed Council stating Public Works Director Brad Hamilton and Finance Director Jim Cox are currently working on this study and will present it for Council approval when it is complete. Staff will then complete this study on an annual basis during the first quarter of each calendar year.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES: None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember King. Motion passed 7-0.

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George Scott, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk