

**THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA
HELD JUNE 25, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

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

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Mayor Fenn recognized Chuck Trujillo for 15 years of service with the City of Benson.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Fenn opened the public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed City of Benson 2007-2008 Property Tax Levy at 7:07 p.m.

Tom Fitzgerald addressed Council asking if the San Pedro Hospital is the Benson Hospital and stated his assessment increased. Finance Director Jim Cox stated taxes are collected for several different entities, but the City of Benson's proposed tax levy is a decrease from the previous fiscal year's tax levy rate.

Mayor Fenn closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Fenn opened the public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed City of Benson Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget at 7:11 p.m.

Paul Lotsof spoke at length regarding housing, Benson's economy and lack of economic development. He felt that Council should make \$50,000.00 available to attract light industry.

Pete Stepp commented that money was being spent and line items were increasing, but something should be done to help reduce residents' costs of services.

Sylvia Burnside with Benson Arts Commission thanked Council for their funding.

Tom Fitzgerald noted there was a significant increase in the budget and stated he would like to see figures from May, 2007 in the current budget cycle.

Lori McGoffin addressed Council and requested the Council support her request that the City budget contain a line item in the Parks & Recreation, Public Works and the Police Department budgets in the amount of \$1500.00 each to support local kids' sports programs. This funding would come from the contingencies in those named departments.

Mayor Fenn addressed the public restating the comments made by those individuals that signed up to speak during the public hearing. Mayor Fenn then closed the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Call to the Public:

Steven Insalaco addressed Council regarding the Benson Municipal Airport. Mr. Insalaco stated he believes the Benson Airport Master Plan incorporates the needs of the airport and it should serve the community over the next 10 to 20 years. Mr. Insalaco thanked the representatives of Stantec Consulting and Coffman Associates and stated he was in favor of adopting the presented Master Plan. Mr. Insalaco then stated it was his hope that the Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc. presentation would lead to an agreement between Keystone and the City of Benson that would provide Keystone with a greater presence at the Benson Municipal Airport.

Diedre Spangler addressed Council regarding the hiring of a full time Fire Chief. Ms. Spangler spoke regarding Keith Spangler's dedication and commitment to the Benson Volunteer Fire Department.

CONSENT AGENDA: Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Sacco. Motion passed 7-0.

- 1a. Approval of Minutes of the June 11, 2007 Regular Meeting.
- 1b. Bills

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation on South Eastern
Arizona Behavioral Health
Services (SEABHS) Benson
Youth Advocate by
Gloria Durgin:

The Benson Youth Advocate presented a slide show displaying some of the work this group does in our community. They then addressed Council stating two activities are the Back to School Fair and the Teen Maze. Each of these activities is a success growing in the number of participants each year. Vice Mayor King thanked the group for their dedication and hard work. Mayor Fenn asked the group to keep the City in mind when searching for sponsors or other needs and then thanked the group for their presentation.

Benson Municipal Airport
Master Plan Presentation
by Stantec and Coffman
Associates:

Brad Hamilton, Public Works Director introduced Bill Harvey from Stantec. Mr. Harvey thanked all parties that participated in this process and then introduced Mr. Harris from Coffman Associates. Mr. Harris then went over the Master Plan. Mr. Harris stated the Technical Advisory Board, which consisted of stakeholders as well as others, was very involved in this process. The Master Plan is developed to look not only at the airport's needs in 20 years, but the immediate needs as well. Development issues, apron expansion, parallel runways and runway expansion were all issues that were addressed in the Master Plan. Mr.

Harris stated the plan is flexible enough to adjust for various enterprises and their needs. Mr. Harris then stated the Master Plan is a requirement to receive additional Federal funding and once adopted, it will be submitted to the FAA for approval.

Resolution 20-2007 of the Mayor
and City Council of the
City of Benson, Arizona
adopting the Official
Airport Master Plan for
the City of Benson
Municipal Airport dated
June, 2007:

Councilmember Sacco moved to table this item to next regular council meeting to give Council time to fully examine the Master Plan. Seconded by Vice Mayor King. Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation by Keystone
Aerial Surveys, Inc.,
main office
Philadelphia, PA:

Jack Potter, John Schmidt and Tony Darpino of Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc. addressed Council stating Keystone is looking at investing in Benson. Councilmember Suagee stated this could be an economic development opportunity for the City and that Keystone could be an anchor at the Airport and could serve as a catalyst to further economic development. Mayor Fenn then stated that Keystone had met with City officials to discuss their opportunities at the airport and negotiations would have to be held before any agreement would be met.

Resolution 21-2007 of the
Mayor and City Council
of the City of Benson,
Arizona, authorizing the
Preliminary Steps to be
taken to become a
Participating Employer
in the Public Safety Personnel
Retirement System on Behalf
of the Full-Time, Paid Municipal
Firefighters of the City of Benson,
who are or were regularly
assigned to Hazardous Duty
in the State of Arizona:

Fire Chief Keith Spangler addressed Council stating this would be the first step in a two step process required to join the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System for full-time paid Municipal Firefighters. Vice Mayor moved to approve Resolution 21-2007 of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the Preliminary Steps to be taken to become a Participating Employer in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System on Behalf on the Full-Time Paid Municipal Firefighters of the City of Benson who are or were regularly assigned to Hazardous Duty in the State of Arizona. Seconded by Councilmember Sacco. Motion passed 7-0.

Donation of 10% of Local

Transportation Assistance
Funds (LTAF) received from
the State Lottery to Qualified
Non-profit organizations that
benefit the Citizens of

Benson:

Mayor Fenn asked Vice Mayor King to read the name of organizations that have requested funding. They are as follows:

Benson Clean & Beautiful
Benson Junior Women's Club
San Pedro Business & Professional Women
Benson Bobcat Booster Club
Community Food Pantry of Benson, AZ

Councilmember Suagee commended organizations for their work and contributions to the community. Councilmember Suagee moved to approve \$1200.00 to the Community Food Pantry of Benson, AZ, \$800.00 to the Benson Bobcat Booster Club, \$671.00 to Benson Clean & Beautiful, \$500.00 to the San Pedro Business & Professional Women and \$500.00 to the Benson Junior Women's Club. Councilmember Sacco stated he would like to see the funds split evenly between the requesting organizations. Vice Mayor King directed staff to increase the advertisement of the availability of these funds. Vice Mayor King stated he would like to see the funds distributed evenly also. Councilmember Suagee then amended her motion to award \$1200.00 to the Community Food Pantry of Benson, AZ and \$617.00 to each of the following organizations, Benson Clean & Beautiful, Benson Junior Women's Club, the San Pedro Business & Professional Women and the Benson Bobcat Booster Club. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 5-2 with Councilmembers McGoffin and Sacco voting nay.

Intergovernmental Agreement
(IGA) between Cochise County
and the City of Benson for
Rural Street Naming and
Addressing Services:

Martin Roush, City Manager addressed Council regarding this IGA stating this would assist in the 911 center as well as provide consistency between the City and County addressing new subdivisions. The charges for this service would be paid for by the developer. Councilmember Lodzinski moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Cochise County and the City of Benson for Rural Street Naming and Addressing Services. Seconded by Councilmember Suagee. Motion passed 7-0.

License Agreement between SFPP
Limited Partnership on behalf of
Kinder Morgan and the City
of Benson for new 16" Kinder

Morgan Pipeline:

City Attorney Ann Roberts addressed Council stating that when a utility company uses the City's right of way, the City should have a franchise or a license agreement in place. Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve the License Agreement between SFPP Limited Partnership on behalf of Kinder Morgan and the City of Benson for new 16" Kinder

Morgan Pipeline. Seconded by Councilmember Tipton. Motion passed 7-0.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

None.

Adjournment: Councilmember Suagee moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Lodzinski. Motion passed 7-0.

Mark M. Fenn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki L. Vivian, City Clerk