

**THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BENSON, ARIZONA  
HELD MARCH 13, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AT CITY HALL, 120 W. 6TH STREET, BENSON, ARIZONA**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor King then introduced Pastor Ron York of the Peace in the Valley Lutheran Church who offered the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present were: Mayor Toney D. King, Sr., Vice Mayor Joe Konrad, Councilmembers Pat Boyle, David Lambert, Crystal Lewie and Lori McGoffin. Absent was: Councilmember Levi Garner. Mayor King stated Councilmember Garner was out of town working.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** None

**PROCLAMATION:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** None

**CITY MANAGER REPORT:**

City Manager William Stephens addressed Council, giving the dates of upcoming meetings and events.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017	– Library Advisory Board, 4:00 p.m., City Library
Saturday, March 18, 2017	– Historic Preservation Commission, 9:00 a.m., City Hall
Monday, March 27, 2017	– City Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., City Hall
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	– Community Watershed Alliance, 6:30 p.m., City Hall

Mr. Stephens then stated for events in Benson, the public could visit the City's website: [www.cityofbenison.com](http://www.cityofbenison.com).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion and possible action on the Consent Agenda**

- 1a. Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting
- 1b. Resolution 5-2017 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Benson, Arizona, authorizing the City Manager to apply for Arizona Department of Transportation Section 5311 Funds to operate a Rural Public Transit System
- 1c. Reappointment of Lawrence J. Nicholson to the Benson Industrial Development Authority of the City of Benson
- 1d. Reappointment of Steven Trowbridge to the Benson Industrial Development Authority of the City of Benson
- 1e. Invoices process for the period from February 18, 2017 through February 28, 2017

Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Lambert. Vice Mayor Konrad stated he had a question regarding the \$94,000 credit card invoice. Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated he and former Finance Director Dustin DeSpain had discussed paying the City's electric bills with a credit card to receive financial incentives and he believed that accounted for the increase. Vice Mayor Konrad asked for this to be confirmed. City Manager Bill Stephens stated without he had been out of the

office and would confirm the information, adding Councilmembers should feel free to call the office for any information they needed. Motion passed 6-0.

2. **Discussion and possible action regarding Procurement of Environmental Remediation Services for 101 E. 6th Street and 185 W. 4th Street for the removal of regulated Asbestos and lead base paint under Arizona State Contract # ADEQ17-140223 for \$29,309.98**

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated he received a court order to take down a dangerous building; the Benson Motel, and notified the owner that if they did not tear down the building in 60 days, the City would do it and then place a lien on the property for the cost of the demolition. Mr. Hamilton stated the first step would be to remove asbestos and lead paint, then stated the City also owns a house on 6th Street and it would be cheaper to have both projects done at the same time. Mr. Hamilton then stated the cost for this at the Benson Motel is \$21,000 and the cost for this at the City-owned house is \$8,000.

Councilmember McGoffin asked what the chances were that the City would recoup this expense from the owner of the property with Mr. Hamilton stating if the property owner doesn't pay the costs, the City could file a foreclosure on the property and then sell it. Councilmember Boyle asked if the funding for these projects was in the budget with Mr. Hamilton stating the City does have the funding to cover the remediation. City Manager Bill Stephens then stated the City would place a lien on the property and if the property owner did not pay the City or sell the property, the City could foreclose on the property and sell it outright, adding that is not the plan at this time, but it would be an option for repayment.

Mayor King stated this is the first move to hopefully make people take care of their rundown buildings.

Councilmember Lambert moved to approve the procurement and abatement of the properties as listed in this item. Seconded by Councilmember Lewie. Motion passed 6-0.

3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Procurement of a replacement Engine for the Public Works 430D Backhoe for \$26,074.60**

Public Works Director Brad Hamilton stated about 10 years ago, the City purchased a backhoe, knowing it would eventually need an engine, adding the funding for the engine has been in the budget for about 5 years and now it's time to replace it. Mr. Hamilton then stated with a replacement engine, the backhoe will probably last another 10 years or so.

Vice Mayor Konrad asked Mr. Hamilton about the cost of a new backhoe for those who didn't know with Mr. Hamilton stating a new backhoe would cost \$120,000-\$145,000. Mayor King stated the City purchased this backhoe 10 years ago and got what was needed at the time, adding if this can get the City another 10 years with the same backhoe, it was good for the City.

Councilmember McGoffin asked if the cost included installation with Mr. Hamilton stating it does, adding the backhoe will be picked up, the engine will be installed and the backhoe will be delivered back to the City. Councilmember McGoffin moved to approve the replacement engine for the Public Works 430D Backhoe for \$26,074.60. Seconded by Councilmember Boyle. Motion passed 6-0.

4. **Discussion and possible action regarding request from the Benson Clean & Beautiful for financial and/or services support of October 2017 Butterfield Days event**

City Manager Bill Stephens stated this item is a request for \$2,000 as a sponsorship of Butterfield Stage Days from Benson Clean and Beautiful, who has taken over the events at Lions Park. Mayor King asked if Lisa Hill, President of the Benson Clean and Beautiful committee was present with Ms. Cindy Allen coming forward stating Ms. Hill was unable to attend the meeting. Councilmember McGoffin asked if this funding was programmed in the budget with Mr. Stephens confirming it was.

Councilmember Lambert stated he had spoken with the committee and they had also put out a book with the mural maps and information they are selling for \$5.00. Councilmember Lambert then stated the books not only talk about the murals, but about the City, which is great. Councilmember Lambert then moved to approve

\$2,000 out of the community enrichment fund as a sponsorship of Butterfield Stage Days from Benson Clean and Beautiful. Seconded by Vice Mayor Konrad. Motion passed 6-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** No comments from Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember McGoffin moved to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Lewie. Motion passed 6-0.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Toney D. King, Sr., Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vicki L. Vivian, CMC, City Clerk