City of Benson
City Council Communication

Regular Meeting April 10, 2017

To: Mayor and Council Agenda Item # 2

From: William D. Stephens, City Manager

Subject:

Discussion regarding the Union Pacific Grant to the City of Benson and the Benson Clean & Beautiful Committee

Discussion:

Mr. Bob Nilson worked with the Union Pacific Foundation to apply for and, as it turns out, to be successfully awarded a $10,000 grant. The grant will be used on the City's map/sign project that was partially funded by Council a few years ago. One map/sign was installed in November of 2016 across from Safeway and we have 2 more maps/signs we need to negotiate places to install them.

With the $10,000 grant that will be presented to the City from Andy Perez of the Union Pacific Foundation, five more signs will be purchased for a total of eight map/signs around Benson. This will let travelers know where they might find food and lodging in the Benson area.

Also, a portion of the grant will be used to add to the train display at the Visitor Center.

Mr. Perez has also asked to present a separate $5,000 grant to support the Benson Clean & Beautiful organization, allowing additional murals to be painted.

Staff Recommendation:

No action required