

APRIL 3, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Michael Carpenter presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Karen Lichtsinn, Patrick Haynes, and Scott Christensen were present. City Attorney Mike Cable was absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen was also present.

Mayor Michael Carpenter called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Mayor Michael Carpenter then asked if anyone in attendance had an item, not on the agenda, to bring up during the Open Forum part of the meeting. If so they had two minutes to state their concern. No items were brought forward at this time.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Karen Lichtsinn to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2023. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

BOLT'S LB GROCERY	\$	4.60	OTTERTAIL	\$	2,823.78
ITC	\$	320.87	SANITATION PRODUCTS	\$	270.00
RETHWISCH & SON	\$	25.98	TRAVIS LUSTFIELD	\$	32.00
PAT HAYNES	\$	346.18	TITAN MACHINERY	\$	69.50
PALISADES	\$	338.09	TROY NORDMEYER	\$	32.00
KYLIE ROCHEL	\$	185.00	ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$	23.50
MN POLLUTION CONTROL	\$	390.00	THOOFT TECHNOLOGY	\$	900.00
BUFFALO RIDGE NEWS	\$	206.40	PLUM CREEK	\$	25.60
CENTER POINT	\$	49.14	DANNY/MEGAN KROTZER	\$	250.00

MOTION by Scott Christensen, seconded by Patrick Haynes to approve payment of the claims presented against the City of Lake Benton. Motion carried and the Mayor authorized the City Administrator/Clerk to make payment.

The next item of business was to review/act on a Resolution Accepting Donations to the Library. The Library received a donation from the American Legion Auxiliary for \$20.00 in memory of Phyllis Kuhn and Virena Shea. This donation will be designated for collections. Minnesota Statutes state the Library can accept donations for the benefit of recreational services. The Council needs to pass the resolution accepting the donation to the Library. **MOTION** by Patrick Haynes, seconded by Scott Christensen to approve the Resolution Accepting the Donation from the American Legion Auxiliary for \$20.00 in memory of Phyllis Kuhn and Virena Shea to the Library. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – The Library board met and the patrons in the door for February are down from last year but circulation is up. The infrastructure updates have been completed with the \$1,000.00 grant received from Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota. The Winter Reading Program (WRP) ended March 31, 2023. A candle making class will be held on April 6, 2023 at the library, and Skally Line (music and historical) will be held on April 13, 2023 at the Manor at 10:00 AM and is open to the public.

Trustee Karen Lichtsinn – The Diner's Club will be serving a meal after the Skally Line performance at the Lake Benton Valley Manor.

Trustee Patrick Haynes – No report.

Trustee Scott Christensen – No report.

MOTION by Patrick Haynes, seconded by Karen Lichtsinn to approve the Committee Reports. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

Letters and invoices have been mailed to 55 residents with dogs. The license fees are good for two years. The rabies clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Lake Benton Fire Hall. An ad will be placed in the paper reminding residents as well. The Golf Cart permit letters and invoices were also mailed to residents with golf carts.

Appliance pick-up is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023. An ad will be placed in the paper and on the Local Access Channel.

Kinner & Company did their 2022 audit site visit on March 23, 2023 and everything went well.

The 2023 Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for the City of Lake Benton is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center.

The Saddle Horse Holiday Parade is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

MOTION by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Scott Christensen to approve the Administrator/Clerk report. Motion carried.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Michael Carpenter informed the Council there was an article in last December's newspaper regarding Glenn Cyriacks. There will be a special program and funeral service for him in May or June. This is a very important event and it is recommended the community attend. Local resident Steve Krause is Glenn's nephew and he and Trustee Patrick Haynes met with the higher officials in the Navy to schedule this event. Trustee Patrick Haynes informed the Council that Glenn was the first casualty in this area on the battleship Oklahoma during World War 2 at Pearl Harbor. It took until last December for the officials to identify Glenn Cyriacks and return his remains to his relatives. The Henry Sollie American Legion is taking lead on this event and Legionnaires from Ivanhoe, Tyler and Pipestone will be assisting. The Governor of Minnesota may also attend this event. There will be a meal served and Mayor Michael Carpenter requested the Council consider letting them use the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center at no cost. **MOTION** by Scott Christensen, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to waive the fee to use the Event Center for this important event. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is April 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Karen Lichtsinn, seconded by Patrick Haynes and carried, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK