

AUGUST 12, 2019

A Special Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Heritage Center/City Office. Mayor Bob Worth presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, David Enke and Daryl Schlapkohl were present. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen was also present.

Mayor Bob Worth called the Special meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to begin work on the 2020 budget for the City of Lake Benton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Copies of the 2020 Budget Worksheet were passed out. The figures for the City's 2020 LGA of \$245,969.00 and PERA Aid of \$841.00 were inserted as well as all the numbers in the General, TIF, Fire, Library, Water, Sewer and Garbage Funds. City Administrator Clerk Eileen Christensen worked with the Department Heads, and members of the Chamber-CVB, Parks/Rec, EDA and Historical Society.

The workers comp was approximately \$8,395.00 more than the previous year. The liability, building and vehicle insurance rates were increased a percentage, but the final numbers are not known at this time.

Additional 12-month CD's to be created in the General Fund included the following: \$1,000.00 for City Office Improvements, \$5,000.00 for Street Capital Outlay (2021 Sidewalk Project), \$2,000.00 for Opera House Capital Outlay, and \$2,000.00 Parks/Ballfields for fencing.

An account was set up for the Public Works Capital Outlay and Public Works Heavy Equipment in 2018. The amount to be transferred to this account, as of now, is \$7,500.00.

Wage increases were entered at 3% for City staff.

The City belongs to a pool for health insurance through Southwest West Central Cooperative (SWWC) in which the City receives an annual reimbursement from money held in escrow. This amount was used in 2018 to create a Select Account-HRA fund for the four (4) full-time employees. The Council made a policy to approve a minimum amount of \$50.00 per year/per employee. This amount has been added into the Health Insurance expenses.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Dave Enke, seconded by Mark Dunn and carried, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK