

AUGUST 20, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in the Heritage Center/City Office. Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw presided. Trustees Mark Dunn, Dave Enke, and Daryl Schlapkohl were present. City Attorney Mike Cable and Mayor Bob Worth were absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Darcy Miller, Insurance Agent for Buffalo Ridge State Agency-Lake Benton, Janet Bush-SW Health and Human Services, and Shelly Finzen from the Lake Benton Valley Journal were also present.

Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Acting Mayor Rosie DeZeeuw 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 August 6, 2018 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2018. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of August 15, 2018 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Dave Enke, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of August 15, 2018. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

EILEEN CHRISTENSEN	\$ 139.05	QUARNSTROM & DOREING	\$ 1,519.20
LB PARTS	\$ 290.60	LB HARDWARE	\$ 114.44
EXPRESSWAY	\$ 921.67	THOMAS ELECTRIC	\$ 581.85
CITY OF LAKE BENTON	\$ 132.77	UTILITY CONSULTANTS	\$ 883.50
CHAMBER-CVB	\$ 736.77	LB CHAMBER	\$ 222.74
ROSIE DEZEEUW	\$ 210.00	OUTLAW GRAPHICS	\$ 1,300.00
MN DEPT OF HEALTH	\$ 150.00	SW SANITATION	\$ 3,591.26
BARB HURD	\$ 206.25	BANNER ASSOCIATES	\$ 1,400.00
BIERSCHBACK EQUIP.	\$ 54.78	D & G EXCAVATING	\$ 185.00
CARDMEMBER SRVCS	\$ 247.31	JOYCE MILLER	\$ 210.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	\$ 26.03	CHS – ELKTON	\$ 115.78
BUFFALO RIDGE NEWS	\$ 258.00	THOMAS PLUMBING	\$ 391.25
CHUCK DEBATES	\$ 225.00	ZUERCHER	\$ 760.00
INTEK CLEANING	\$ 3,169.50	DANNY KROTZER	\$ 32.37
WEST SHORE SERVICES	\$ 650.00	ENVIRO PUMP-PLUS	\$ 705.00

MOTION by Mark Dunn, seconded by Daryl Schlapkohl to approve payment of the claims presented against the City of Lake Benton. Motion carried and the Acting Mayor authorized the City Administrator/Clerk to make payment.

The next item of business was to meet with Darcy Miller to finalize the 2018-2019 Insurance Renewal. Darcy informed the Council she received the quotes for the \$1,000.00 deductible per claim and \$2,500.00 per claim. The League provided the City with a quote of \$26,034.00 with a \$1,000.00 deductible versus a quote of \$24,667.00 with a \$2,500.00 deductible. The difference between the two was \$1,367.00. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Mark Dunn to keep the \$1,000 deductible for \$26,034.00 for 2018-2019. Motion carried.

Darcy then informed the Council that City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen inquired about the Police squad car insurance increase. The Council was provided a page explaining a rating evaluation has been enforced. For example, a new model will tend to shift premiums toward members with a

proportionately higher number of police vehicles and away from members with a proportionately higher number of fire department vehicles (the recent evaluation showed that the old rating method undercharged for police vehicles and overcharged for fire department vehicles). This explains the increase in the Police squad car insurance with a \$541.00 increase which is more in line with the loss ratio.

Darcy then explained that LMCIT put the new Lake Benton Community Event Center in a flood category "C" which means the building will not be covered. The LMCIT needed proof the building was not in a flood plain so she sent them a map explaining none of the City's buildings are in a flood plain. This will then go back to a category "A" and be covered.

Darcy then informed the Council she contacted a League attorney regarding the Hunting Agreement with The Nature Conservancy and he forwarded his remarks onto Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen.

The next item of business was to meet with Southwest Health and Human Services on the Health Equity Data Analysis. Janet Bush with Southwest Health and Human Services (SWHHS) was in attendance to speak to the Council on the results of the Lincoln County Health Equity Data Analysis (HEDA) project. They conducted focus groups and key information interviews with residents, 55 years of age and older and professionals who serve residents from Lincoln County, MN. Twelve questions were asked of participants, with several proving questions available to ensure adequate information was received. The purpose of these activities was to gather input from the community regarding the unique health needs of the communities in Lincoln County. Participants were given a \$15.00 gift certificate for their local grocery store in exchange for taking part in the focus group or key information interview.

Throughout this process, residents discussed the strengths of their communities. Examples include having a supportive community, with many volunteers, active social clubs, helpful neighbors, and a tight-knit community. The groups also frequently mentioned the importance of the church in their community as well as resources such as local grocery stores, clinics, first responders and pharmacies.

Some of the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) related questions were physical activity, healthy eating and awareness of tobacco use. Janet informed the Council their goal is to share this information with the cities in Lincoln County. They most recently provided the information to the Lincoln County Commissioners and are working to meet with the cities in Lincoln County.

SWHHS is working on increasing the knowledge of open walking opportunities in schools, farm produce and transportation. The transit bus for Lake Benton comes out of Marshall and the perception of the senior citizens is they lost that service. SWHHS is working to increase the knowledge of commodities provided once a month in Ivanhoe and Tyler. Janet will stay in touch with the City on grant opportunities to assist with health needs in the community.

The next item of business was to review/act on a building permit for James Sorenson to extend a 30' side wall and roof to the lean-to on his garage at 606 Home Street. James was given the setbacks from the property lines on which he can build the lean-to. Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper confirmed there were no setback concerns and everything is in compliance with the Ordinance. The fee of \$25.00 has been paid. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the building permit for James Sorenson to extend a 30' side wall and roof to the lean-to on his garage at 606 Home Street. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a Resolution Accepting Donations to the Library. The Library received a \$50.00 donation from By-the-Teens For-the-Teens. The donation will be designated towards books for the Library. Minnesota Statutes state the Library can accept donations for the benefit of recreational services. The Council needs to pass a resolution accepting

the donation to the Library. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations from the above group for \$50.00. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Dunn – No report.

Trustee Dave Enke – The EDA met last week and the loan payments are up to date with the Showboat Pavilion. The City is working with Sarah Meyer on marketing and advertising to boost awareness of the Lake Benton Area Community & Event Center. The Small Cities Development Grant Program is moving forward with applications being sent out and received back. Nothing has been settled yet in regards to the sale of the Lake Benton Hardware/NAPA store. There was a brainstorming session regarding the store on August 13, 2018, and another meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2018 to meet with the District Representative from United Hardware to learn more about the hardware business. The Library Board will be meeting next week.

Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl – The Opera House’s production “Footloose” had ten (10) shows and sold 1799 tickets. The on-line ticket sales are doing very well. Daryl then requested Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen send a letter to Busselman Valley Lumber to clean up the property. It is unsightly and needs to be addressed.

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – The Chamber met last week and the new website was to go live today, August 20, 2018. The \$2.00 meal on August 9, 2018 served 20 meals. The Superintendent and Principal were in attendance and introduced themselves. The next \$2.00 meal is scheduled for September 13, 2018. Benton Fremont Days was successful although the numbers were down due to the Lincoln County Fair, and the play at the Opera House. Discussion took place on having it every two years to avoid the Civil War Days in Pipestone but no action has been taken. This winter the Chamber float will be cleaned and updated to include recreational action figures. Tonic Sol FA will be at the Opera House August 29, 2018 and tickets can be purchase on-line or at the door. The Chamber will be having a family movie night on Halloween, October 31, 2018 at the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Sarah Meyer will be selling food and beverages. The Chamber would like to offer this once a month.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen informed the Council she spoke with the owner of the house at 223 S. Fremont will be taken down and leveled out in two weeks. Double ‘D’ Gravel was scheduled to look at the job today (Monday), and will remove the debris, fill in the basement and level the area in two weeks.

City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen informed the Council the new sign has been put on the front of the Event Center. Sarah Meyer, owner of the Showboat Pavilion, is purchasing a lighted sign to replace the former American Legion sign to advertise the Showboat Pavilion.

The Council is invited to join the Lake Benton Public School on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 for their Open House. Bring the family and enjoy a meal. The Lake Benton Public School will be holding a dedication of the new school playground and request your presence.

MAYORAL REPORT:

No report.

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

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK