

**DECEMBER 12, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Mike Carpenter presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, and Patrick Haynes were present. Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl was absent. Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Karen Lichtsinn and Scott Christensen were also present.

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

The first item of business was to review/act on hiring a Public Works Maintenance Supervisor. Mayor Michael Carpenter reminded the Council the interview committee made up of himself, Trustee Patrick Haynes, Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper and Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen reviewed the eight applications received for the position and scheduled four interviews. Two of the four candidates were no-shows, one candidate interviewed is from Brookings, SD and the other candidate is a local resident of Lake Benton. Both of these individuals were excellent candidates. The committee is recommending the Council hire Travis Lustfield who lives in Lake Benton and currently works at Allete Clean Energy with experience supervising employees. Travis interviewed very well and his reference's comments were excellent. Travis has a good background on maintenance and has worked on various equipment. The committee called Travis back to offer him the position with a starting salary of \$26.00/hour with benefits subject to Council approval. The committee also reminded Travis he will need to obtain his Water and Wastewater Licenses within 18 months and will begin his new position on January 3, 2023. Comments from the Council and audience expressed their appreciation in hiring someone local who is involved with the community, a member of the Fire Department and has good work ethic. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve hiring Travis Lustfield as the Public Works Maintenance Supervisor to begin work on January 3, 2023 at \$26.00 per hour. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to set a date for a special meeting to meet with Legal Counsel regarding the Ordinance on Surface Runoff of the sewer lines and review the televising of the City sewer lines. Legal Counsel is available to meet with the Council on January 9, 2023 or if need be January 12, 2023 at 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Patrick Haynes to schedule a special meeting for Legal Counsel to present the Ordinance on Surface Runoff of the sewer lines and review the televising of the sewer lines on January 9, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Motion carried.

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

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK