

**DECEMBER 5, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. in the Heritage Center/City Office. Mayor Bob Worth, Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, Dave Enke, and Daryl Schlapkohl were present. City Attorney Mike Cable was absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen and Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper were also present.

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

The purpose of this meeting was to review/act on heavy equipment for the maintenance department.

Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper handed out copies of quotes for pay loaders from Titan (Case) and John Deere (RDO). Titan provided three options, A, B, and C, to lease at 3.8%. John Deere provided a quote for a new 544L and a used 544K to purchase at 5.2%. The quotes are not equivalent and actually not comparable. The quotes provided the Council with an idea of their payments per year which would raise the equipment budget approximately 230%. Titan informed Todd there is a used pay loader with 4,000 hours for \$50,000.00 in Sioux City, IA if the City would like to purchase a used one. It is not justifiable to raise the budget that much for new or used pay loader. Titan also said they could have a pay loader to the City within two (2) days to rent for a month if they need. Todd also informed the Council the ten (10) year average snow removal is \$8,295.00, and the City will need one more truck and more drivers. A new pay loader is not in our sight. Todd also explained the average hours on the City's current tractor is 400 hours a year which most of those hours are used during the winter months. The new Sno Go Blower will be able to blow some alleys and all the side streets. The Council also discussed working with the County to utilize each other's equipment. The best case scenario is to use the new blower and a pay loader to widen all the streets in one day where it takes the Maintenance Department all week to widen the streets with their current equipment. The Council was reminded they still have a contract with Johansen's through October 2020. After additional discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to purchase the Sno Go Blower and lease a pay loader for two (2) to three (3) months which gives the City time to purchase a used pay loader. The City will consider additional contractors for renting a pay loader. With the demand for this kind of blower, the City can easily recoup their money if the blower is not used. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to purchase the Sno Go Blower after Todd Draper checks it over and makes sure it works properly for \$13,800.00. If the City needs to rent a pay loader after we receive the blower, the City will evaluate what to do at that time. Motion carried.

Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen then reminded the Council the City purchased new tables this past year for the Event Center and agreed to purchase new chairs for the Event Center in 2020. Eileen contacted Curtis Rethwisch who gave her a quote for lifetime light commercial folding chairs with 350 pound capacity for \$30.50 per chair. Curtis informed Eileen that if the City wanted to get that price, they had to place the order as soon as possible or the price of the chairs will go up to \$42.99 per chair. Should the Council approve the purchase of the chairs today the total cost will be \$9,150.00. If the Council decides to wait, the cost will be \$12,897.00. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the purchase of 300 chairs for a total of \$9,150.00. Motion carried.

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

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MAYOR

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ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK