

JULY 20, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Bob Worth, Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Daryl Schlapkohl, and Dave Enke were present. City Attorney Mike Cable and Trustee Mark Dunn were absent. Deputy Jake Jenson with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Vince Robinson, and Shelly Finzen from the Lake Benton Valley Journal was also present.

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

Mayor Bob Worth 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.

Mayor Bob Worth requested that the Law Enforcement update be moved from item five (5) on the agenda to item three (3). **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Dave Enke to move the Law Enforcement update from item five (5) to item (3) on the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2020 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Dave Enke, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 6, 2020. Motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of July 15, 2020 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of July 15, 2020. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

ITC	\$ 348.40	VADIM	\$ 2.88
QUARNSTROM-DOERING	\$ 1,177.50	L-P RURAL WATER	\$ 5,448.57
RETHWISCH & SON	\$ 1,426.16	EXPRESSWAY	\$ 378.81
RICK'S WELDING	\$ 70.00	CITY OF LAKE BENTON	\$ 177.65
POSTMASTER	\$ 117.95	UTILITY CONSULTANTS	\$ 107.37
CHAMBER-CVB	\$ 466.04	CORE & MAIN	\$ 621.50
SW SANITATION	\$ 50.00	BANNER ASSOCIATES	\$ 6,200.00
BIOAG ENERGY	\$ 329.80	RITA DEBROBANDER	\$ 11,340.00
CARDMEMBER	\$ 247.15	CONTINENTAL RESRCH	\$ 713.77
BUFFALO RIDGE NEWS	\$ 23.65	THOMAS PLUMBING	\$ 135.00

MOTION by Dave Enke, seconded by Daryl Schlapkohl to approve payment of the claims presented against the City of Lake Benton. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Deputy Jake Jenson presented the Law Enforcement report for June and July to date. There were 52 calls in June and 26 calls so far in July. Deputy Johnson said that they have been patrolling the campground Thursday through Sunday now that it is open to campers. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the Law Enforcement update as presented. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on rehab grant requests. Four payment requests were received for the Rehab Grant Program: Contractor requests: \$16,070.00 to DK Construction, and \$1,403.40 to Apollo Water; Lead assessment request of \$1,850.00 to Scarcely, and Administration fee of \$3,000.00 to DSI. The total funds of \$22,323.40 were requested and deposited into the account. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve payment of the rehab grant checks presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

No report.

Vince Robinson from DSI who was not scheduled appeared before the Council. **MOTION** by Dave Enke, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to allow Vince time to speak before the Committee Reports are presented. Motion carried. Vince presented informational Guidelines for the Use of the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Lake Benton received \$50,800.00 and Lincoln County received \$760,000.00. This money has to be spent by November 13, 2020. Some of the uses could be grants/short term loans for businesses in the community, setting up more sanitation stations in parks/playgrounds, non-touch faucets etc. in restrooms. There is an application process for the businesses that seek grants or loans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Dunn – No report.

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – The Chamber met on July 14, 2020. All the events that were held on Saddle Horse weekend were well received. 189 chicken dinners were served. There were 22 entries in the stationary parade-75 cars passed through to view it. Chamber Chat will be out in early August with the school info in it. Yard of the Week will continue through August 31st. Business of the Month for July is Elkton Electric and August is Hartquist Funeral home.

Trustee Dave Enke – EDA met recently and Vince Robinson was present to discuss the Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidelines with them also. The suggestion was made to form a task force consisting of people from the Community.

Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl – No report

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

No report.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Worth reported that Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen has done work on the distribution of the Coronavirus Relief Funds. Mayor Worth would also like to appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of Karen Lichtsinn, Tony Schwing, Eileen Christensen, Dave Enke and himself to work on this. A meeting will be set up after the Administrator/Clerk gets back from vacation. The \$73,000.00 FEMA money is in the account and the money for the 1st Responder parking lot should be coming as soon as the right people sign off on the request. Council should think about dates in August for budget meetings and discuss them at the next meeting. Two meetings should be sufficient.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Dave Enke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK