

JULY 21, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Patrick Haynes presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Karen Lichtsinn, and Jon Olson were present. City Attorney Mike Cable and Trustee Scott Christensen were absent. Sheriff Bob Bushman and Kristina Hernandez from the Lake Benton Valley Journal were also present.

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

Mayor Patrick Haynes 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 July 7, 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Karen Lichtsinn, seconded by Jon Olson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2025. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

VADIM	\$ 7.36	QUARNSTROM-DOERING	\$ 885.00
L-P RURAL WATER	\$ 5,494.89	CITY OF LAKE BENTON	\$ 183.53
POSTMASTER	\$ 258.92	POSTMASTER	\$ 19.40
MN POLLUTION CONTROL	\$ 1,450.00	MN LIFE	\$ 4.80
CHAMBER-CVB	\$ 1,051.61	DSI	\$ 4,000.00
BANNER ASSOC.	\$ 4,118.75	BIOAG ENERGY	\$ 681.27
CARDMEMBER SRVCS	\$ 914.79		

MOTION by Jon Olson, seconded by Karen Lichtsinn to approve payment of the claims presented against the City of Lake Benton. Motion carried and the Mayor authorized the City Administrator/Clerk to make payment.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The June calls for service in Lake Benton were reviewed. Sheriff Bob Bushman informed the Council that June has been the busiest month for calls so far this year. Sheriff Bushman also said he will be scheduling a time to meet with the Council in the near future to discuss the upcoming contract renewal. **MOTION** by Karen Lichtsinn, seconded by Jon Olson to approve the Law Enforcement Update. Motion carried.

The next item of business was informational to advertise for bids to lease the City's farm land in September. The lease will expire on the last day of February 2026. Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen is in the process of putting the agreement together and when finalized, the Council will make the decision to lease the farm land for one year, two years or three years as done in the past. This item will be revisited at the second meeting in August. Discussion was held and a **MOTION** was made by Jon Olson, seconded by Karen Lichtsinn to make the lease for a three (3) year period. Motion carried.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Patrick Haynes reported that the next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Karen Lichtsinn, seconded by Jon Olson and carried, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK