

JULY 7, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Patrick Haynes presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Karen Lichtsinn, Jon Olson, and Scott Christensen were present. City Attorney Mike Cable was absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Maintenance Supervisor Travis Lustfield and John Zuhlke 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 June 16, 2025 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Scott Christensen, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2025. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

OTTERTAIL	\$ 1,913.03	ITC	\$ 404.93
QUARNSTROM/DOERING	\$ 45.00	RETHWISCH & SON	\$ 1,330.59
THOMAS ELECTRIC	\$ 870.92	GOPHER STATE	\$ 9.45
S & E AUTO	\$ 172.50	TRAVIS LUSTFIELD	\$ 32.00
PAT HAYNES	\$ 250.00	MN LIFE	\$ 4.80
SOUTHWEST SANITATION	\$ 3,945.99	LINCOLN CTY SHERIFF	\$ 63,320.00
CARDMEMBER SRVCS	\$ 176.67	TROY NORDMEYER	\$ 32.00
KYLIE ROCHEL	\$ 140.00	BUFFALO RIDGE NEWS	\$ 284.06
THOMAS PLUMBING	\$ 1,301.50	DRIETZ EXCAVATING	\$ 880.00
AMAZON	\$ 26.94	CENTER POINT	\$ 50.34
DANNY/MEGAN KROTZER	\$ 250.00		

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.

The next item of business was meet with John Zuhlke regarding the sewer line at 301 and 303 Valley Street. John Zuhlke informed the Council he purchased Bob Briffett's house off Valley Street. He stated the City and the contractor, Mike Thomas, made the decision to follow the current sewer line that went through his property at an angle and stated the City and the contractor could have abandoned the line and started a new one and went south along the alley and not destroy his property. John requested the City of Lake Benton create a policy to communicate more clearly with citizens when doing work on someone's property such as sending a letter to the homeowner and making them aware of when and what is happening. John also requested the City abandon the sewer line that goes through his property and create a new line going south along the alley.

The next item of business was to review/act on a building permit for Nicole Stubbe to install a utility shed. Nicole Stubbe would like to install an 8' x 12' utility shed on her property located at 110 Whitman Street. Nicole was given the setbacks in which to install a shed and the \$25.00 application fee has been paid. There are no setback concerns and everything is in compliance with the Ordinance. **MOTION** by Scott Christensen, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the building permit for Nicole Stubbe to install an 8' x 12' utility shed on her property located at 110 Whitman Street. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on the Nature Conservancy Hunting Agreement. This agreement is for the 2025 Archery Hunt in Lake Benton which begins September 13, 2025 and goes through December 31, 2025. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw , seconded by Jon Olson to approve the Nature Conservancy Hunting Agreement. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a Resolution Accepting a Donation to the Library. The Library received a donation from the Fiber Guild and Friends of the Library for \$585.00. This donation will be designated for collections. Minnesota Statutes state the Library can accept donations for the benefit of recreational services. The Council needs to pass the resolution accepting the donation to the Library. **MOTION** by Karen Lichtsinn , seconded by Scott Christensen to approve the Resolution Accepting the Donation from the Fiber Guild and Friends of the Library for \$585.00 to the Library. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

No report.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Patrick Haynes informed the Council he will be attending the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) bus tour and annual meeting this Thursday, July 10, 2025. The bus tour stops include several places that were granted funds from the SRDC including Bolt's Lake Benton Grocery in Lake Benton.

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Scott Christensen, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw and carried, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK