

JUNE 20, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Michael Carpenter presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, and Patrick Haynes were present. City Attorney Mike Cable and Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl were absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Sheriff Chad Meester, Bob Worth, and Dave Hurd were also present.

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

Mayor Michael Carpenter then asked if anyone in attendance had an item, not on the agenda, to bring up during the Open Forum part of the meeting. Bob Worth and Dave Hurd with the Henry Sollie Post #10 reminded the Council the flag pole in front of the Event Center was donated to the Legion by the Bressler family and the family requested the flag pole be moved to the current Legion Post on Benton Street. The Legion members will move the pole themselves and are willing to replace it with another pole or whatever the Council would like placed in that area. The Council agreed to bring ideas on what they would like to see in place of the pole and bring this item to the next regular meeting of July 5, 2022.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2022 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2022. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

C & B OPERATIONS	\$ 470.44	QUARNSTROM/DOERING	\$ 990.25
L-P RURAL WATER	\$ 3,819.17	RETHWISCH & SON	\$ 635.99
CITY OF LAKE BENTON	\$ 176.87	POSTMASTER	\$ 130.40
S & E AUTO	\$ 879.49	UTILITY CONSULTANTS	\$ 443.09
MN LIFE	\$ 5.10	CHS, INC.	\$ 120.00
DOUBLE D GRAVEL	\$ 851.40	SW SANITATION	\$ 29.59
BANNER ASSOCIATES	\$ 3,082.10	BIOAG ENERGY	\$ 1,175.76
LINCOLN CTY SHERIFF	\$ 56,156.00	CARDMEMBER SRVCS	\$ 265..37
ALEX AIR	\$ 725.50	ROBERT LICHTSINN	\$ 262.50
ONE OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$ 24.26	DEB VIERA	\$ 57.99
NORTH SHORE ANALYT	\$ 305.00		

MOTION by Patrick Haynes, seconded by Mark Dunn 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 to review/act on rehab grant requests. Four payment requests were received for the Rehab Grant Program: Contractor DK Construction has two requests for \$3,897.90 and \$11,750.00, Lead assessment to Scarcely in the amount of \$250.00, and Administration fees of \$5,000.00 to DSI. The total funds of \$20,897.90 were requested to be deposited into the account. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve payment of the rehab grant checks presented. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Sheriff Chad Meester provided an update on the May calls for service in Lake Benton. Sheriff Chad Meester then informed the Council the Saddle Horse weekend celebration was a success and they had nine (9) calls for service over the weekend which included medical calls, traffic violations and three (3) minor consumptions. There was little activity and the Sheriff's office was impressed on how well the celebration took place. **MOTION** by Patrick Haynes, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the law enforcement update. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a City license for Station One for July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen provided the Council with information on the off-sale beer and tobacco license for Station One (former ExpressWay). **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the following City Licenses for July 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023: **Cigarette:** Station One – Lake Benton, **Off Sale Beer:** Station One – Lake Benton. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a building permit for Patrick Haynes to install a 12' x 12' shed at 305 E. Bluff Street. Patrick was given the setbacks in which to install a shed and the \$25.00 application fee has been paid. There are no setback concerns. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the building permit for Patrick Haynes to install a 12' x 12' shed at 305 E. Bluff Street. Trustee Patrick Haynes abstained from voting and the motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a building permit for Leah Gauquie to install a fence at 210 E. Benton Street. Leah was given the setbacks in which to install a fence and the \$25.00 application fee has been paid. There are no setback concerns. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Patrick Haynes to approve the building permit for Leah Gauquie to install a fence at 210 E. Benton Street. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to appoint election judges for the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 and the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The following names of the judges were presented to the Council: Rosemary DeZeeuw, Karen Lichtsinn, Tracy Trigg and Renee Ambrose. The judges must attend a mandatory on-line training session. Salaries paid to the judges in the past was \$15.00 an hour. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Patrick Haynes to appoint Rosemary DeZeeuw, Karen Lichtsinn, Tracy Trigg and Renee Ambrose as election judges for both the Primary and General Elections at \$15.00 an hour when needed. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a Resolution Accepting Donations to the Library. The Library received a donation from the Lavar Moon family for \$200.00 in memory of Lavar Moon. 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 Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the Resolution Accepting the Donation from the Lavar Moon family for \$200.00 in memory of Lavar Moon to the Library. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Dunn – Trustee Mark Dunn talked with Mike Hauswedel who organizes the Saddle Horse Holiday games and rodeo. He and his wife have moved to the Black Hills and this may be the last year as no one want to step up and organize the event. Mark e-mailed the Chamber to inform them as well. Mayor Michael Carpenter requested the appointed Chamber Trustee, Rosie DeZeeuw, bring this item up at their next Chamber meeting.

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – The Chamber met and the July business of the month is Lake Benton Storage. The Diners Club contracted with the Tyler Hospital for their meals on wheels to begin July 1 as the café will be closing. The Chamber is working on a Cemetery Ghost Tour in September. Discussion was held on Saddle Horse weekend and the topic of the horse events was brought forward and tabled until the fall to discuss further.

Trustee Patrick Haynes – The EDA met and discussed the Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW) property transfer and agreement between them and the Gunninks. If LPRW damages the Gunnink's crop in 2022, LPRW will pay for the crop damages. Vince Robinson is waiting to get costs from ITC to get Wi-Fi in the City. Vince is also waiting to hear on when they will receive the Legacy funds for the Hole-in-the-Mountain Park Project.

MOTION by Mark Dunn, seconded by Patrick Haynes to approve the Committee Reports. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

The Council was given an invitation to attend the Southwest Regional Development Commission (SRDC) annual meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022 at Red Baron Vast Club Room in Marshall, MN. The cost is \$18.00 per person if staying for dinner – if only attending the meeting, no cost is involved. If you wish to attend the meeting or the meeting and dinner, please let Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen know prior to June 24, 2022 so she can get you registered.

Jessica Foley emailed Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen to inform her the LCEDC will be presenting the Child Care Recognition Baskets on July 14, 2022, from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM to the providers in Lake Benton. It would be nice to have individuals from Lake Benton participating in the event to show our appreciation to our community providers. If anyone wants to attend any or all of the presentations, please let Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen know and she will forward that information on to Jessica.

Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen will be out of the office July 7 thru July 13, 2022. Lynn VanderPlaats will be in the office Thursday, Friday and Monday, July 7, 8 and 11, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The City office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, July 12 and 13, 2022. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the Administrator/Clerk report. Motion carried.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Michael Carpenter informed the Council the paperwork is complete and the Deed is in the hands of the attorney to be filed at the Courthouse for the transfer of property to Lincoln-Pipestone Rural Water (LPRW). Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen contacted Jason Overby with LPRW and inquired when they will need the \$15,000.00 to put towards the septic system, and Jason informed her that she can post it on her calendar to send them a check in the fall of 2022.

Mayor Michael Carpenter met with Vince Robinson and the private individuals that are working on improvements to the pier at Lakeside Park. City Attorney Mike Cable drew up an agreement to hold the City harmless of any damages and liabilities arising from the work and improvements. The private individuals are still waiting to hear from the DNR and the agreement will be brought to the Council for approval at a later date.

Work began on the Mork and Giles infrastructure last week. Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper has been overseeing the project and should have a report for the Council at their next meeting.

The County sold the property on the corner of Cottage Street and Benton Street by the railroad tracks. The new owners have been working hard to make the property look nice and presentable.

Mayor Michael Carpenter then reminded the Council the next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 5:30 PM, and the next EDA meeting was rescheduled from July 13, 2022 to July 20, 2022 due to several conflicts with the EDA board members. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Patrick Haynes to approve the Mayoral report. 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.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK