

JUNE 2, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 7:30 AM in the Heritage Center/City Office. Mayor Mike Carpenter presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Patrick Haynes, Karen Lichtsinn and Scott Christensen were present. Jack and Marie Christiansen, and City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen were also present.

Mayor Michael Carpenter called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to get an update on the pier improvement project from Jack and Marie Christiansen. Jack and Marie informed the Council the gravel on the pier will be completed today at noon, and Kyle Jarko with the DNR will perform an inspection on the gravel this afternoon before beginning the concrete work next Monday, June 5, 2023.

Jack explained they encountered a snag regarding the OtterTail lighting as the lights need to be buried 4 feet deep and they cannot get the materials for up to six months. Jack and Marie talked with a contractor in Jacksonville, FL that works with lighting on projects like this and put them in contact with a company in the Twin Cities who has screw-in puck lighting in stock. The Council was provided with a layout of the lights and benches on the pier. The lights will illuminate approximately 5 to 6 feet and they are not too bright. Sean Thomas is working with Jack and Marie to trench conduit from a locked power box located inside the shelter and run it under the road to a concrete pad with a pedestal transformer on the west side of the pier between the two signs, and possibly add another power box at the east end of the pier for future power needs. Two 12-gauge slotted steel trash cans will be bolted down on the concrete pad beside the conduit power box, and the City Maintenance Department will replace the garbage bags and dispose of the trash. Jack and Marie continue to work with Greg Nelson with OtterTail who will be getting approval from OtterTail to provide another light and the lighting on the west end of the pier to illuminate the parking lot and pier per Council approval.

Jack and Marie provided the Council with a picture of the benches made by Rick Petersen, and there will be two (2) ADA benches (with one armrest) located on the west end of the pier with a fishing pole holder in the armrest. The remaining benches will have two (2) armrests with a fishing pole holder in both armrests. The pier is closed through June 9, 2023 until the concrete is completed and cured. If everything goes accordingly, Mike Dandar can strip the forms on Thursday, June 8, 2023, open the pier on Saturday, June 10, 2023 and Jack and Marie can turn the pier over to the City.

There will be a dedication of the pier with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Randy Lichtsinn will serve sandwiches and beer, and Larry Olson will provide music. The Lake Benton Area Foundation will also be having a fundraiser in the park displaying their vision of the future improvements to Lakeside Park. Jack and Marie thanked Karen Lichtsinn for working diligently to add this event to the Saddle Horse Holiday festivities. Jack informed the Council two (2) porta-potties will be delivered to Lakeside Park during this event.

MOTION by Patrick Haynes, seconded by Scott Christensen to approve the cement pads for the pedestal transformer and garbage dispensers, authorize OtterTail to add one new light and power to the west end of the pier/project, authorize Thomas Electric to trench power under the road to the pier, and add an additional power box to the east end of the pier for future power needs. Motion carried.

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

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK