

MAY 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the Heritage Center/City Office. Mayor Bob Worth, Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, and Dave Enke were present. City Attorney Mike Cable was absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Sheriff Chad Meester, and Deputy Jake Jensen were also present. Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl and Shelly Finzen from the Lake Benton Valley Journal were present via conference call.

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 in person or on the conference call 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 May 4, 2020 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2020. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

ITC	\$	302.66	VADIM MUNICIPAL	\$	1.36
QUARNSTROM-DOERING	\$	657.00	L-P RURAL WATER	\$	4,613.33
RETHWISCH & SON	\$	765.10	EXPRESSWAY	\$	556.12
GOPHER STATE	\$	29.70	POSTMASTER	\$	115.85
CITY OF LAKE BENTON	\$	171.85	LINCOLN CTY TREASURE	\$	36.30
MN POLLUTION CONTROL	\$	23.00	MINNESOTA LIFE	\$	5.10
CHAMBER-CVB	\$	424.39	JOHANSEN REPAIR	\$	10,722.91
SOUTHWEST SANITATION	\$	3,599.68	BANNER ASSOCIATES	\$	546.00
CARDMEMBER SRVCS	\$	146.71	ONE OFFICE	\$	206.75
BUFFALO RIDGE NEWS	\$	191.00	DVL FIRE & SAFETY	\$	462.25

MOTION by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve payment of the claims presented against the City of Lake Benton. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on rehab grant requests. Six payment requests were received for the Rehab Grant Program: Contractor requests: \$5,614.00 to Wurscher Construction, \$13,640.00 to American Waterworks, and \$24,954.00 to Deling Construction, LLC; Lead assessment request of \$250.00 to Scarcely, Recorder fee of \$46.00 to Lincoln County Recorder, and Administration fee of \$3,000.00 to DSI. The total funds of \$47,504.00 were requested and deposited into the account. **MOTION** by Dave Enke, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve payment of the rehab grant checks presented. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

No report.

The next item of business was to review/act on a building permit for Travis Lustfield to install a 12' x 24' deck at 102 S. Grant Street. Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper confirmed there were no setback concerns and everything is in compliance with the Ordinance. The fee of \$25.00 has been paid. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the installation of a 12' x 24' deck for Travis Lustfield at 102 S. Grant Street. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Sheriff Chad Meester informed the Council there were some mold issues with the window and sheetrock in the Police office. Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper helped get these issues taken care and it is greatly appreciated. Sheriff Chad Meester assisted Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen in getting a dog registered.

Sheriff Chad Meester introduced Deputy Jake Jenson as the liaison between the City of Lake Benton and the Sheriff's office who has been with the Sheriff's office for two years. Deputy Jake Jenson presented the calls for service for April – 25, and the first half of May – 13. With the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been fairly quiet with a few traffic stops and animal complaints.

MOTION by Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the law enforcement update by Sheriff Chad Meester and Deputy Jake Jenson. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Dunn – No report.

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – No report.

Trustee Dave Enke – The EDA met last week and recognized the Bank and DSI for their involvement and hard work in submitting COVID-19 loans and grants during the pandemic.

Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl – No report.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen informed the Council that DSI is requesting input for the future improvements at Hole-in-the-Mountain Park. Due to social distancing they cannot do an onsite park engagement to seek feedback so they are relying heavily on survey feedback. This information will help to improve the Park Master Plan and open up funding through the Parks and Trails Commission to implement park improvements which is exciting. Please spread the word.

Jess Gums with the Lake Benton Area Foundation inform Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen that the Gala has been canceled for 2020 but they are still interested in working with the City on improvements at Lakeside Park.

MAYORAL REPORT:

Mayor Bob Worth was contacted by the Foundation who requested to have someone on the Council sit on their Grant Committee. They are granting a fair amount of money to grantees. Mayor Bob Worth asked if any Council members were interested and if not, he would gladly sit on the committee. No Council members showed interest and thanked Mayor Bob Worth for sitting on the committee.

Mayor Bob Worth stated businesses are getting frustrated without being able to open. Mayor Bob Worth contacted Legal Counsel who informed him the Council can send a resolution to the Governor to let the businesses open at 50% under the COVID-19 rules by practicing safe distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing. This will show the City's support to businesses in Lake Benton. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to send a resolution to the Governor requesting Lake Benton open businesses at 50% under the COVID-19 rules by practicing safe distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to adjourn the meeting. The Trustees present all voted Yeah, and Conference Call Roll Call: Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl voted Yeah. Motion carried.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK