

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lake Benton Area Community and Event Center. Mayor Bob Worth presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, and Daryl Schlapkohl were present. City Attorney Mike Cable and Trustee Dave Enke were absent. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen, Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper, Dennis, Gwen and Danny Johansen, and Miranda Deutz from the Lake Benton Valley Journal were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Mayor Bob Worth 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 October 19, 2020 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2020. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

BOLT'S LB GROCERY	\$ 8.33	OTTERTAIL	\$ 1,801.12
ITC	\$ 711.00	VADIM MUNICIPAL	\$ 367.32
THOMAS ELECTRIC	\$ 845.15	LINCOLN CTY TREAS	\$ 233.00
S & E AUTO	\$ 950.89	UTILITY CONSULTANTS	\$ 412.37
TODD DRAPER	\$ 32.00	PAT HAYNES	\$ 488.00
MINNESOTA LIFE	\$ 6.80	CHAMBER-CVB	\$ 413.61
PIPESTONE INTERIORS	\$ 4,362.00	HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP	\$ 326.50
XION TECH	\$ 7,211.00	D & G EXCAVATING	\$ 41,269.50
TROY NORDMEYER	\$ 32.00	TOM ABRAHAMSON	\$ 2,550.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	\$ 139.23	MAGAZINE LINE	\$ 10.97
KIBBLE EQUIPMENT	\$ 67.47	THOMAS PLUMBING	\$ 3,342.50
AMAZON	\$ 688.38	CENTER POINT	\$ 44.34
CORINNE CROWE	\$ 6.00		

MOTION by Mark Dunn, seconded by Daryl Schlapkohl 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.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper informed the Council the Mork and Giles Addition now has sewer and water in the four lots on the west side of North Morton Street, and the sewer lines were lifted in the two lots to the west of Kent Street.

Banner Associates provided project costs on the Lakewood Drive / Oakwood Drive for improvements. Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper informed the Council one project cost is to remove the existing surface, reconstruct and re-pave for \$152,000.00, and one project cost to reclaim existing surface, grade and re-pave for \$113,000.00. The heaviest truck on that road is the garbage truck and it doesn't get a lot of wear and tear. It was the recommendation to work with the contractor that will be finishing the Lakeshore Drive project or the Fremont Watermain Project, and request they do the improvements on Lakewood Drive / Oakwood Drive at the same time which could cost \$90,000.00.

Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper presented cost estimates for the Fremont Watermain Project at \$178,000.00 along with a contract with Banner Associates. Banner Associates' Design and Construction Services are included in the estimate at \$25,400.00. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the agreement with Banner Association for the Fremont Street Watermain Project. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on the incorrect billings from Johansen's Repair for snow removal. Danny Johansen addressed the Council and inquired if the City would reimburse them for snow removal in 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 because they were billing off the wrong contract. The Council explained the books have been audited and completed for 2017, 2018 and 2019, and the City's fiscal year is January 1st to December 31st. However, the City is willing to work something out for the 2020 snow removal. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to reimburse the Johansen's the difference in snow removal from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 to match the current contract. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a lease agreement with Chrisnick, Inc. The Lake Benton Community Services (Lake Benton Diner's Club and Lake Benton Food Shelf) requested the Council approve a lease agreement between the City of Lake Benton and Chrisnick, Inc. to lease a portion of Chrisnick, Inc.'s parcel for use as parking space for the Lake Benton Community Services, supporting the Lake Benton Food Shelf. Legal Counsel drafted the lease agreement for the Council's consideration and review. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the lease agreement between the City of Lake Benton and Chrisnick, Inc. to lease a portion of Chrisnick's parcel to use as parking for the Lake Benton Food Shelf. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a Resolution Accepting Donations to the Library. The Library received several donations from the following in memory of Alice Kern: Mardell Rosengren for \$10.00, Romelle Pritchett for \$10.00, Margret Anderson for \$10.00, Janine Schaap and Corinne Crowe for \$15.00, Michael and Linda Dandar for \$25.00, Don and Diane Evers for \$75.00, and Conrad and Lisa Schardin for \$100.00. These donations 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 Rosie DeZeeuw, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations Mardell Rosengren for \$10.00, Romelle Pritchett for \$10.00, Margret Anderson for \$10.00, Janine Schaap and Corinne Crowe for \$15.00, Michael and Linda Dandar for \$25.00, Don and Diane Evers for \$75.00, and Conrad and Lisa Schardin for \$100.00 to the Library in memory of Alice Kern. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Dunn – No report.

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – No report.

Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl – The Opera House Board will be getting Daryl a quote on putting foam in the back room of the Opera House. The new Regional Park plans are moving forward to include tubing, ice skating rink and add additional campsites. It will be a great venture for the City of Lake Benton.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen reminded the Council that the election is tomorrow, November 3, 2020.

MAYORAL REPORT:

The Council will need to continue this evening's meeting to another night as the City Council serves as the canvassing board for City elections. The Council needs to meet to canvass the returns and declare the results within three to ten days after the general election. The Council unanimously agreed to meet on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 PM. Motion carried. ***Due to the votes not being canvassed until November 10, 2020, the meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:30 AM.***

Mayor Bob Worth reminded the Council and audience that former Police Chief Thor Tollefson cost the taxpayers of this City quite a bit of money in PERA, Work Comp and legal fees. The itemized list included: \$40,000.00 for PERA (health), \$33,242.90 legal fees, and \$26,250.00 in Work Comp for a total of \$99,492.90. The City will need to pay higher premiums for work comp in the next three to five years, which will include the legal fees for settling the Work Comp claim.

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

The November 2, 2020 meeting of the Lake Benton City Council was continued at 7:30 AM on November 12, 2020 for the purpose of canvassing the results of the City election on November 3, 2020. Mayor Bob Worth presided. Trustees Rosie DeZeeuw, Mark Dunn, Dave Enke, and Daryl Schlapkohl were present. City Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen was also present.

The Summary of Votes cast for Mayor for a two-year term was reviewed. Michael W. Carpenter filed for the position of Mayor. Votes cast as follows: Michael W. Carpenter with 288 votes. There were 19 write-in votes. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to declare Michael W. Carpenter winner of the office of Mayor for a two-year term. Motion carried.

The Summary of Votes cast for two offices of Trustee for a four-year term was reviewed next. David Enke and Rosemary DeZeeuw filed for the four-year term of Trustee. Votes cast as follows: David Enke with 238 votes and Rosemary DeZeeuw with 246 votes. There were 5 write-in votes. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Mark Dunn to declare both David Enke and Rosemary DeZeeuw winners of the office of Trustees for a four-year term. Motion carried.

The Council requested Mayor Bob Worth speak with Johansen's that it is stated in their contract to use their working lights and amber safety lighting at all times. Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper informed the Council that the new loader the City purchased works great.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Dunn, seconded by Daryl Schlapkohl and carried, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK