

OCTOBER 5, 2020

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

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 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 September 21, 2020 were reviewed. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Mark Dunn to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2020. Motion carried.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AGAINST THE CITY OF LAKE BENTON:

BOLT'S LB GROCERY	\$ 44.60	OTTERTAIL	\$ 1,969.37
VADIM	\$ 1.44	RETHWISCH & SON	\$ 231.41
GOPHER STATE	\$ 33.75	LINCOLN CTY TREASURER	\$ 16.50
S & E AUTO	\$ 70.00	TODD DRAPER	\$ 32.00
PAT HAYNES	\$ 250.00	MINNESOTA LIFE	\$ 5.10
CHAMBER-CVB	\$ 616.35	SW SANITATION	\$ 3,599.68
XION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 4,209.00	MARSHALL INDEPENDENT	\$ 109.20
TROY NORDMEYER	\$ 32.00	BOOKPAGE	\$ 354.00
ONE OFFICE SOLUTION	\$ 81.48	MAGAZINE LINE	\$ 113.91
BUFFALO RIDGE NEWS	\$ 30.10	AMAZON CAP SRVCS	\$ 353.59
CENTER POINT	\$ 44.34	DEMCO	\$ 107.06
WEST SHORE SRVCS	\$ 650.00		

MOTION by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw 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 GPS mapping of the water and sewer utilities was completed by Minnesota Rural Water. Todd and Administrator/Clerk Eileen Christensen will be going to Ivanhoe sometime this week to meet with the County's GIS mapping staff to get larger aerial maps of the City.

The next item of business was to review/act on the snow removal contract for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023. This item was tabled from the September 21, 2020 meeting. Dennis and Danny Johansen were in attendance to discuss the contract for snow removal for the City of Lake Benton. The Johansen's requested the contract be amended on page one, number 4. a), b) and c) to remove the dump truck and include the total price per hour for the loader only at \$158.00, etc. **MOTION** by Daryl Schlapkohl, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the snow removal contract for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023 snow seasons with Johansen Repair with the amended wording. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a building permit for Travis Lustfield to install a 12' x 16' garden shed at 102 S. Grant Street. Travis was given the setbacks on which he

could put the shed and Maintenance Supervisor Todd Draper confirmed there were no setback concerns. The fee of \$25.00 was paid. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Rosie DeZeeuw to approve the building permit for Travis Lustfield to install a 12' x 16' garden shed at 102 S. Grant Street. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on the gambling exempt permits for the Lake Benton Sportsman's Club. The club is having two raffle drawings in 2021 – one at their annual fishing tournament on January 30, 2021 and one at their annual game feed on March 20, 2021. The club needs approval due to the fact the applications require the local unit of government's acknowledgement and the Mayor's signature. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the Gambling Permits for the Lake Benton Sportsman's Club and authorize the Mayor to sign the acknowledgements. Motion carried.

The next item of business was to review/act on a Resolution Accepting Donations to the Library. The Library received two donations, the first from Ethel Anderson for \$25.00, and the second from Ila Christensen for \$20.00. 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 Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the Resolution Accepting Donations from Ethel Anderson for \$25.00 and Ila Christensen for \$20.00 to the Library. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mark Dunn – No report.

Trustee Rosie DeZeeuw – No report.

Trustee Dave Enke – The Library board met and there is nothing new to report.

Trustee Daryl Schlapkohl – Robert Olson with the Lincoln County Environmental office contacted Daryl that he is going to request the County Commissioner pass a resolution to fix the dam at Lake Benton. The County has funds to fix the dam and will get it completed this fall.

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK REPORT:

Administrator/Clerk informed the Council the Library phone has been out of service for almost three weeks. It was thought to be a bad phone, but the pedestal and old copper cable were removed and the phone line to the Library was cut. This can be spliced back together, but it will take some time and this could happen again. Derek Benck with ITC contacted and met with Eileen regarding a new phone system with phones, and a new agreement to meet Federal standards for 911 calls. COVID funds will cover the installation, configuration, training, and miscellaneous cabling and interface hardware, as employees would be able to take the phone home with them and answer any calls that come into the office. The phones are owned by ITC and the City would lease them. If something happens with the phones, the City doesn't pay to repair them, ITC takes care of that. **MOTION** by Mark Dunn, seconded by Dave Enke to approve the three (3) year agreement with ITC for a new phone system and phones. Motion carried.

MAYORAL REPORT:

There is a possibility of a new business coming to town.

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

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK