

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Lime Springs Community Center on April 7, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

**Member(s) present:** Amy Norton, Kris Kraft, Jennifer DeVries, Kris McNamara, Jen Smith

**Member(s) absent:** none

**Visitor(s):** Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Eddie Miller, Nathan Schwickerath, John Graupman (Bolton & Menk)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

**Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda consists of the agenda, bills, & financial report.

Kraft made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Previous Month Minutes and Bills. McNamara seconded motion. All voted aye.

**Financial Report:** March Balance Sheet was printed and given to council for their own review.

### **Department Heads:**

**Library:** Eddie Miller was present but left soon after as nothing to report.

**Park/Pool:** Jill Tibbals was present. Reported St Paul's Grant received for Paint for the Pool of \$ 1300.00 and HCCF Grant received for Brown Park picnic tables of \$ 1200.00. Casey Sebastian reported that caution tape was used to rope off both parks' play equipment similar to what Cresco parks were doing. Signs will be put up to announce Parks are closed in both English and Latino. Pool guard applications are still being taken but holding off on hiring until end date of the State's closings is known. No Pool passes have been bought yet, will keep a list of those that want to purchase. Jill left after giving her report.

**Fire Department:** Nathan Schwickerath was present. The Fire Department received \$ 15,000 HCCF Grant for Air Packs. St Paul's Grant for \$ 2,000 and Junior Club donated \$ 600 towards lighting and tools. The Fire Dept responded to a grass fire this past month. The Fire Dept. has done a few CRP burnings. One CRP burning resulted in melted siding as it got too close to Dan Gibbs and Richard Curtis homes. The siding for the Curtis home has already been ordered and Fireman Eric Munkel will hang the siding when it comes in. Gibbs is waiting for estimates and the money will be given to use towards new siding. Schwickerath left after giving his reports.

**Community Center: Resolution 04072020-1 Appointing Janitor for the City of Lime Springs read.** Kraft made a motion to accept Kim McKenzie as janitor. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye.

**Public Works Director Report:** Casey Sebastian was present. Sebastian handed out bid from H & S Motors for new work truck. Schwickerath expressed interest in the current city truck to be converted to a Grass Runner for the Fire Dept. Sebastian had a final dollar amount for the Grapple hook as \$ 3,000. The council said not needed at this time and that Sebastian would return it with a donation letter. Council requested Sebastian check to see if a building permit is needed for 340 Jackson Street addition to garage. Council asked Jane to reach out to Dale Schwade to see if asbestos test done property formerly owned by Cheeseman and if burn permit issued by Fire Dept.

**Bingo:** No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Regional Health Service Lease extension:** No update available

**Gambling License Renewal:** Kraft recommended that the Gambling license have the 3 people listed as Mayor Chris Chilson, Mayor Pro-Tem Amy Norton and City Clerk Jane Tibbals.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Curt Tienter Property:** Demolition Estimates from Bret Mehmert of \$ 15,000 for 2 buildings and \$ 30,000 for 4 buildings if no asbestos and double that for asbestos. The 4 buildings would consist of properties currently owned by Tienter, Jenkins, Lindstrom and May (The Locker) It was noted that the city would have to own properties before any grants could be

awarded. Nate asked about any dumping or burning allowed at City Dump- Casey reported this would be a no from DNR. Norton made a motion for Asbestos testing to be ordered and Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted aye. Asbestos testing will be ordered and reported by end of April. The Asbestos Testing is good for 2 years. The \$ 2,200 to \$ 2,600 Asbestos fee will be billed to Curt. The Council asked about Demolition fees and permits. Jane had found in previous council minutes that Demo fees and permits were brought up for discussion, but no resolutions were found and in fact previous demo fees were re-imbursed. Schwickerath said that Steve Jenkins would be willing to pay the difference on the grant and the final costs in return for a Tax abatement for 5 years of no taxes and 50% for 5 to 8 years. Sabastian reported the fence cost is \$ 2,000 and is good until winter at that price. It was remarked that it would cost to sue. CIA Insurance was contacted, and Darrell reported that the fence reflects due diligence and the city would be covered for liabilities.

**Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan:** John Graupman from Bolton and Menk handed out memo regarding Wastewater Treatment Facility plan and funding scenarios. He also remarked that the current census being done at this time may change some of the numbers for grants. The Upper Iowa Beef plant may or may not be into cost sharing. He recommended that Ashley Christianson be contacted to run a separate census/survey for household analysis. Sebastian reported that 2 current aerators need to be replaced after Summer. New ones cost \$ 12,000 to 15,000, not counting installation and they last 10 to 15 years. They have already been rebuilt a couple of times. Graupman commented that option 3 uses a different type of Aerator. Sebastian reported that 2 aerators plus the control panel to handle 4 could cost up to \$ 100,000. Kraft recommended that the wastewater plans be tabled at this time. Jane will contact Ashley Christianson for costs and timeline. Sebastian will get quotes for aerators and control panel.

**Bridge Weight Restriction: Resolution 04072020-2 E Merrill Street Bridge.** Resolution read to restrict weight to 5 tons as recommended by City Engineer. Kraft made a motion to accept Resolution 04072020-2. DeVries Seconded. All voted Aye. Sebastian working with DOT and Howard County for wording and signage to be placed.

**Building Permit:** Granted to John Heisler for expanding breezeway.

**Lawn Mower:** Tabled.

#### **OTHER**

**Library Curbside Services:** DeVries read an email from Iowa State Libraries that Curbside services are OK, and it was added by council that masks be used for public appearances.

**Audit:** Jane Tibbals will contact firm from previous audit for costs and timelines.

**Deputy Clerk:** Tabled

**Outstanding Bills:** Report of all bills over 60 days handed out and reviewed by council. Finance charges will still be charged over 30 days old. The City will start with letters mailed to all.

**Kraft made a motion to adjourn, Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted aye.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm**

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Chris Chilson, Mayor

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Jane Tibbals, City Clerk