

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

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

Member(s) absent:

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Nathan Schwickerath, Brian Johnson, Ed Hampe, Mark Koster, Jason Passmore, Eddie Miller, Mike Born

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Open Forum: No Comments

Agenda, Previous Month Minutes, Approval of Bills and Financials: Kraft made a motion to approve, McNamara 2nd. All voted Aye, except DeVries as she came in late.

Department Heads:

Library Report: Eddie Miller presented a report. There are 41 children registered for the Summer Reading Program. The Summer Program is a bit different this year, the kids pick up bags weekly that contain games, snacks, and activities that they can do independently away from the library. They bring the completed activity back the next week and are eligible for prizes at the end of the program. 135 Patrons visited the library for June.

Kris McNamara attended the Library Board meeting as a Council representative and reported on a few items. The library has noticed gas fumes on occasion and wondering if there is a problem with the vents between the library building and the City works garage. Ed Hampe said that he could check the vents, he has been leaving the door shut to help with this as well. Ed will also check to see if there is an exhaust fan that could be installed. Kris asked if the City Public Works office could be utilized by the library. The basement condition was discussed regarding the use of it as an emergency shelter. The Library has volunteered they could purchase a dehumidifier for the basement if this would help. There is also a couple of outstanding items on the books totaling \$ 8.50 prior to 2020 that need to be investigated and possibly re-allocated to other than library funds. Jane will get details from librarian Janet DeVries.

Park/Pool: Jill Tibbals was present. The Pool opened July 2nd with 4 additional guards to bring total number of guards at 12. They recent hires are Sami Weigert, Brylee Ruppert, AnnaMae Levenson and Saige Sullivan. Question was asked if the 2 brown benches should be removed or not. Since these benches are poly, the guards are able to spray and wipe them down when they do their sanitizing during 2 breaks at 2:30 and at 5:30. Jill also said that if it not busy, people can bring their own chairs inside as long as they take them out when they leave. To help with congestion, the smaller picnic table was moved off from the cement pad in the front. Question was asked if the pool has had to turn away anyone due to high numbers. The pool managers have been keeping a close eye to keep the numbers at lower than full capacity of 180. The highest number at one time so far has been in the 70's. The scan thermometer has been working really well. Everyone gets scanned before they get in the pool area as well as asked how they are feeling. It was confirmed that there have been a couple vomitors so far this season, dehydration may be a contributing factor. Guards are reminding the kids to drink lots of water during this hot weather

Fire Department: Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath reported on the consensus from his Fire Department meeting that the Fire Dept canceled the Dance and the Beer Garden tentatively scheduled for 2nd Saturday in August. The Fire Dept will sell water and pop during the Tractor Pull as a fund raiser. Mayo Chilson reported that there may be extra patrol needed for that Saturday, depending on if Ball Tournament goes on as currently scheduled, still iffy. A ranger ride that will end in Brown Park may be scheduled for Saturday August 8th. Fire Works at Randy Crays are still scheduled. AirPacks have been ordered. The Lime Springs Fire Dept signed the York Fire Contract that will cover part of that area. Kris Kraft passed along a thank you for the fire fighters for helping out after the last big storm in this area. Ed Hampe also thanked everyone for helping clean up the down trees in his yard.

Public Works Director Report: Ed Hampe was present. Ed reported 2 leaks have been fixed this week along with fire hydrant replaced that was hit on Main Street. Johnson Bros. Delivery hit it, and this has been turned into insurance. Ed took Certified Signer Mike Born on a tour of Lime Springs. The West Well building needs some repair with new windows, roof, and siding. He also thanked everyone that has helped with mowing, weekend testing and water repairs until a Public Works Director is hired. Ed reported that there is a culvert on East Howard Street that needs some fill hauled in. Discussion followed on possible use of this road as an alternative to East Merrill Street Bridge. Council member Kris Kraft agreed that

the city need to update their lawn mower, maybe look at a commercial one. Ed will get bids from John Deere, Harringtons, and a few others and report back. Ed is getting bids on concrete for Main Street hydrant

Old and New Business:

Audit Scheduling: Tabled until another meeting.

Dust Control: Kraft presented Chuckie Larson charges \$.55 per foot for Dust Control. McNamara made a motion for streets that were originally paved to be spread with dust control by Chuckie Larson. DeVries 2nd. Kraft abstained from voting; motion carried All voted Aye. N Miller Street will be done first after Ed blades the gravel on it.

Tienter & Jenkins Buildings update: The asbestos needs to be removed before anyone can move forward. The city does not want to own these buildings. Jason Passmore is with Community and Economic Development and presented how his area could assist Lime Springs. Kraft requested that Jason Passmore could get started to look at different grants from DNR.

Trees: Discussion regarding the trees that are the city's responsibility to take down. Norton suggested that trees be identified that could be the city's responsibility to take down and get estimates for removal or trimming. Ed and Council DeVries will jointly come up with a list.

E Merrill Street Bridge: Jane will contact County Supervisor Rissman to see how they may be able to help the city.

Stop Sign to be added on Miller Street: Motion and approval was made previously. Ed has a sign to put up. Passmore suggested an ordinance be written and presented at the next council meeting.

Resolution 07072020-1 Resolution appointing Mike Born as Certified Signer for the City of Lime Springs IA. Kraft made a motion to approve Resolution 07072020-1 to appoint Mike Born as Certified Signer for the City of Lime Springs IA. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye.

Mike Born plans to meet with Ed to help keep Lime Springs compliant with timing of the samples. He suggested that the samples get sent from Ace Hardware instead of Bodensteiner for UPS. The samples need to be at Ace before 4:30 pm on Tuesdays. Ed normally has the samples ready before 10 am on Tuesdays. Jane will type the 2 forms that need to be emailed off to DNR monthly. One by the 10th and 2nd one by 15th of the month.

Building permit for a fence has been approved for Tom & Barb Johnson.

Re-Keying of the Community Center has been approved. Roger's original bid of \$ 1,125.45 will be less because some of the parts have been found. The total amount should be closer to \$ 500 to \$600. The locks for the downtown office can be changed by Ed. Smith made a motion to approve. DeVries 2nd. All voted Aye.

Special Election for City Council: Smith made a motion to call for a Special Election to for City Council. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye. Mayor Chilson said Julie Chapman gave a rough estimate of \$ 2,000.

Updated Badger Reader Software was discussed. BEACON Software has capability to give daily and hourly meter numbers that may be needed for the Beef Plant in the near future. The city will reach out to the Beef Plant to see what their response.

Resolution 07072020-3 Resolution – Yard Waste Fee. DeVries made a motion to approve Resolution for a \$ 2.00 Yard Waste Fee to the monthly City bills. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye.

Resolution 07072020-4 Resolution – Domestic Fowl Ordinance 4-3. Kraft made a motion to approve Resolution to approve Domestic Fowl Ordinance 4-3, to limit no more than 6 birds per household. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye.

Resolution 07072020-5 Resolution – Animal Control and License. Kraft made a motion to approve Resolution to approve Animal Control and License Ordinance to now include both cats & dogs and to limit no more than 3 cats and no more than 3 dogs per household. McNamara 2nd. All voted Aye.

Hiring of Public Works Director: McNamara presented an updated job description for Public Works Director. Discussion followed between council members on possible job candidates as well as what would be city needs down the road. Items discussed was certification costs, who pays? City or employee? Decision was made to present Aaron Johnson an offer for the position of \$ 20.00 an hour with re-evaluation after 6 months. An answer before close of business Thursday July 9th will be part of the offer.

Kraft made a motion to adjourn. Smith 2nd. All voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Chris Chilson, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk