

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on August 4, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: none

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Ed Hampe, Eddie Miller, Richard Cottrell, Cassidy Milks, Tyler Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Open Forum: **Richard Cottrell** asked to speak. He questioned if there was going to be a fence up. He understood that this fence was to be put up by the Spring Ahead Learning Center and the gate was to be locked. He has had children trespass on his property, including walking on his furnace building. His concern is if someone falls while climbing where they should not be. The Council said the City will research and add to the next agenda. In the meantime, the gate can be chained and locked.

Agenda, Previous Month Minutes, Approval of Bills and Financials: Mayor Chris Chilson added to the agenda to include possibility of contracting out lawn mowing. Council Amy Norton requested the previous minutes for July 9, 2020 to be re-worded, to delete closed session as the meeting did not go into closed session and there was no formal motion or voting. These minutes will be re-submitted for publication. Norton made a motion to approve the minutes from 7-7-20, the adjusted minutes from 7-9-20, adjusted agenda and financials. DeVries 2nd. All voted Aye.

Department Heads:

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath was absent. The Ranger ride was clarified that is it scheduled for Saturday to start at 2 PM from Johnson Farms. The ballgames are canceled. The Tractor Pull is still on.

Library Report: Eddie Miller presented a report. The Summer Reading Program ended with 60 children registered. The library started a new program, visitors can check out games for all ages available. There was a cake decorating contest. The kids baked a cake, took pictures and judging was done on how it looked. No tasting this year. Check out the web site.

Park/Pool: Jill Tibbals was present. Many people used Season Passes and Punch Passes. The concessions were busy. Thank you to our CPO this year – Lindsey Milks. There is a CPO class coming up in September to schedule Tyler Smith to attend. The last day of the pool is August 8, 2020. The new pool paint did have ground up glass added to it. It is hoped that the new paint will wear and will be looked at beginning of next season to see if as slick. There is a flat paint that could help. Three new board member applications were presented, Norton made a motion to approve the 3 new members. Kraft 2nd. All approved by the City Council. They are: Holly Andersen, Janet DeVries, and Sharla Lieder.

Public Works Director Report: Ed Hampe and Tyler Smith were present. Ed reported that he looked at lawn mowers. Harrington's bid was \$ 12,750. They take approx. \$ 3,000 off for non-profit. Our price would be \$ 9,684. Woodridge's bid was \$11,400- this sale price is not current now but gives an approximate number. Both of these mowers are commercial grade. Kraft and Hampe agreed that a 72 inch mower would be too big, the 60 or 62 inches would fit the City's needs better. Hampe recommended the Harrington mower due to their good service. Also, it was recommended to trade the lawn mower in that is not currently being used, approx. trade in value is \$ 2,500. Lawn mower is on hold and Kraft recommended to budget for one next year. Ed Hampe turned in his resignation. Going to officially retire, but he will be available for consulting and filling in. It was brought up that the city mows 7.5 acres of green space. Hampe will review the green spaces to see if there is a better use for some of the property and if any of the city properties could be put up for sale. The City is still waiting for Hardin to present a bid for cement work on the repaired fire hydrant up by the Mill House. It was requested that Tyler Smith try to push up the brush at the Brush Dump, Memerts have been delayed in getting back to help at the Brush Dump. Tyler Smith reported that he had paperwork coming in the mail for sewer and water classes. There will probably be a mix of on-line and in classroom. He bladed some of the streets, including Miller Street for Dust Control preparation. Hampe and Smith toured the Cresco facilities with Mike Born. Mike Born has been extremely helpful. Tyler Smith was asked to look into signs for the Brush Dump to label the piles to help people when they take stuff there themselves. Tyler Smith going to review the Brush Dump camera, to see if it is in the best place. Tyler Smith may have a few extra cameras that he may put up at the ballfield and pool. Tyler mentioned that there is no stop or yield sign coming from the pool parking lot to the A23 County Road. The City will contact the County to see if there is any problem with putting up a stop sign. The council consensus is OK to cut down the pine tree by the pool and any other trees that may be potential problems.

Old and New Business:

Audit Scheduling: DeVries reported that she spoke with someone at the state, identified that an annual exam would cost between \$5,000 to \$9,000. It was recommended that a reconciliation be performed first. Eddie Miller mentioned that an audit looks more at compliance. Potential audit will be tabled until the next meeting after DeVries has had a chance to look at the state's website recommendations for more clarification.

Cassidy Milks: wants to bid for contract mow either by using the City's equipment or using his own equipment. If any bids are taken, they would be taken for next year, not for this year.

Resolution 08042020-1 Placement of Stop Sign on Miller Street and East Main Street, Kraft made a motion to approve the Resolution. McNamara approved. Roll was called and all voted Aye.

Dust Control: Tyler Smith reported that he has now bladed N Miller Street and it is ready for Dust Control to be added. Chuckie Larson will be called. It was noted that he recently added Dust Control to W Jackson Street.

Tienter & Jenkins Buildings update: The Tienter building appears to have a new owner, which will be identified, and a bill will be sent to them for the fence that was put up.

Trees: Motion was made by Kraft approving Adam Munkel to take down a tree in the boulevard. 2nd by Norton. All voted Aye. McNamara made a motion for the pine tree at the pool to be taken down. 2nd by DeVries. All voted Aye. It was mentioned there are some bushes near the ballfield to come down. Trees will continue to be identified for removal or trimming.

E Merrill Street Bridge: County Supervisor Rissman to be contacted to see how they may be able to help the city with this project.

Re-Keying of the Community update: Roger's are waiting on parts before he can continue.

Badger Reader Software: no further discussion.

Beef Plant update on paying old debt, originally billed at wrong rate: Mayor Chilson has not been able to contact General Manager, Ed Greiman. Previously Greiman expressed interest in attending a council meeting. We will invite them to next council meeting. The city will re-send the previous billing letter to plant office.

Resolution 08042020-2 Hiring of Public Works Director Tyler Smith. Norton and DeVries reviewed city contract signed by Tyler Smith & Mayor Chris Chilson. Motion was made by McNamara to approve Resolution of hiring Tyler Smith as Public Works Director, DeVries 2nd. Roll was called with all voting Yes.

Norton made Motion to add Tyler Smith to the City Credit Card, DeVries 2nd. Roll was called with all voting Yes.

Computer Crash update. The older computer with the Water Meter software crashed. Johnson Accounting and Derek Lee both looked at the hard drive and pronounced it dead. Johnson Accounting gave the city a contact that may be able to recover some of the data on the hard drive by sending it away to them. Cost if recoverable may be up to \$ 2,000. There is no cost for diagnosis. The Water Meter software is now added to the newest computer and will be backed up to the cloud, so backup problems have been eliminated. The dead hard drive has the accounting software's previous transactions on it, until up to 2 years ago.

Two Building Permits approved: Barry & Billi Johnson's garage. Wendy Orth's deck/patio.

Kraft made a motion for council to go into closed session to discuss past due bills. McNamara 2nd. All voted yes to go into closed session at 8:30 pm. Jane Tibbals and Tyler Smith was requested to join the council for closed session. Motion was made to come out of closed session by Jen Smith to adjourn. 2nd by McNamara. All voted Aye to adjourn at 8:50 pm.