

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Fire Station on November 3, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

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

**Member(s) absent:** none

**Visitor(s):** Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Eddie Miller (Library), Ed Hampe, Tyler Smith, Dean Schwade, Jason Passmore

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Open Forum: No Comments.**

**Agenda, Previous Month Minutes, Approval of Bills and Financials:** Kraft made a motion to take the Budget Amendment off the current agenda. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye to take Budget Amendment off the current agenda. Kraft made a motion to approve the adjusted agenda, approve the previous minutes and financials. McNamara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye.

### **Department Heads:**

**Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath reported 0 calls for October. The Learning Center kids visited the Fire Station during Fire Prevention week. The firefighters physicals are scheduled with Med Compass December 3. The physicals are scheduled every other year. The Auxiliary has a Poker Run scheduled for November 20 & 21. The Fire Dept is exploring other options for fund raisers since they canceled their annual dance this year due to COVID restrictions. Chief Nate said that there is enough interest for a Firefighter 1 Class later this winter. Flashlights are ordered and Nate said that it appears that all firefighters' equipment has been replaced in the last 4 years. Nate asked if all had noticed the new tower to replace the old one at Davis Corners is almost done, this should help a lot with communication needs

**Library Report:** Eddie Miller presented the Library Board's report. There was no Library Board meeting in October. 10 participated in the cake decorating contest on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The library serviced 263 patrons for October. The library is holding a Silent Auction during the month of November.

**Park/Pool:** Jill Tibbals was present and reported the next meeting is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. They have been working on a few grants and she had sent in the Howard County Foundation Grant. Jill said that 2 members of the board no longer want to be on the board, they had both been inactive.

**Public Works Director Report:** Tyler Smith reported the sump pump was replaced in the Well Building. He has been working on the Brush Pile and has quite a bit of it cleaned up. Tyler Smith looked at Learning Center wall for fire safety that Richard Cottrell had requested last month. The steel door and the cinder brick wall are already at or above fire safety code, so the city need not do anything further there. Tyler is scheduled for a Sewer Class December 10, 11, 16, 17 in Cedar Rapids, IA.

**Building Permit** approved for Austin Hrdlicka's 30' by 36' garage.

**Dollar General:** Dale Schwade thanked the council for the rock and the council thanked Dale for his work as well on Howard Street, which is being used as a detour because of E Merrill Street Bridge's weight restriction. Dale Schwade reported that he had been contacted by Dollar General for land to put a store south of the Upper Iowa Beef Plant along Hwy 63. He explained that they would mirror the road and they would donate the road back to the city and the city would maintain it as a city street. Dale is selling the land; he is not part of any company that is investing or putting the store in. Dale got an OK to take the sign down that is there currently. Dale explained that Dollar General does not own land nor their buildings, they lease them from investment companies. The realtor involved said they want 425' by 225' and then they will donate 100 feet, that is road back to the city. Dale signed a 180 day contract with them and if something comes up then either party could walk away. They are hoping to build next Spring. Dale's request with them is that the store would be hooked up to city water and sewer and continue the lines to end of their property. Jason Passmore recommended the city annex about 100 feet that is currently out of city limits.

**Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease:** Kraft made a motion to approve the lease for \$ 150 a month thru June 30, 2020. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. A question was previously brought up regarding a fence for the playground. This fence does not have anything to do with the lease and the city does not see a need to fence the playground at this time.

**Parking on Boulevard and semi-tractor parked over sidewalk:** The council noticed that the vehicles are still parked on the boulevard and the semi continues to park over the sidewalk, making it hard to walk on the sidewalk. It was noticed that there are vehicles parked over other sidewalks as well. Council requested that Public Works tour Lime Springs to review if there are other infractions to city ordinances and bring them to the next council meeting. Norton proposed the next step is to send a follow up letter certified to see if there is any change by next the council meeting.

**Hiring for Deputy Clerk and part time City Maintenance:** Council requested ads to be put in Times Plain Dealer as well as the Cresco Shopper. The ads were put on the city's website.

**Garbage bags on property:** Neighbors complained about trash bags being left on property after person moved out. Council requested letter to be sent.

**Dog complaint:** Council requested letter to be sent for puppy running at large and causing damage to neighbor's property.

**Forrest Holding, LLC** approached Mayor Chilson to see if the city of Lime Springs would be interested in buying the tax lien for Curt Tienter's property. They would sell the tax lien back to the city for \$1,000. Forrest Holding, LLC also owns the tax lien on the Locker as well as some other properties in LS. Jason Passmore reminded council that grants are available for city owned buildings.

**City Attorney Thais Folta** resigned by letter to Mayor Chilson as city attorney. Kris Kraft will bring copies of letters received when city appointed last city attorney. Norton made a motion to accept Thais Folta's resignation. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye.

**Annual Financial Report:** Kraft made a motion to approve AFR report. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye.

**Casey's General Store's liquor license.** Kraft made a motion to approve Casey's liquor license. DeVries 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye.

**Howard County Energy District's video:** Kraft made a motion to accept the Lime Springs Community Center to be used in a five minute video for Geo-Thermal. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Steve Johnson will be walking them thru sometime in November. Jane will let Jary Hughes know as well.

**Public Works laptop:** Kraft made a motion to buy a laptop to be used for Public Works. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye.

**Public Works Office Space:** Council' is in agreement that Public Works needs a designated office space. This space needs to be big enough to accommodate the maps as well as work to spread them out. This is a request by DNR. Kraft mentioned that the space would need to be handicapped accessible. The library has requested additional space for a designated office as well. Eddie Miller requested that the library also has need for a board room 10 feet by 20 feet in addition to an office. They wondered if they could go into Kitchen Park. Currently Kitchen Park is owned by the City of Lime Springs as a park, with the space maintained by Oneota Club. Tyler Smith is to check to see how much of the current garage space is used and if anything could be moved. Tabled until another meeting.

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm**



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk