

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on December 1, 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, Greg Cromer (Aerial Photography), Brian Malm (Bolton & Menk)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Open Forum: No Comments.**

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

### **Department Heads:**

**Fire Dept. Report:** No report in Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath's absence.

**Library Report:** Eddie Miller presented the Library Board's report. Eddie reported Library's Silent Auction ended with 114 items and 28 registered bidders. Library's Wishing Tree is in the Library this year, pick an item from the tree and support the library. Library's officers: Eddie Miller as President; Becky Pahl as Vice-President with Holly Andersen as Secretary.

**Park/Pool:** Jill Tibbals was present and reported their November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting established their voting members as: DJ Miller, Brian Johnson, Janet DeVries, Sharla Lieder, and Holly Andersen. Jill Tibbals will stay as chair. Jill reported benches and picnic tables are ready and Tyler Smith will pick up in Northwood. The November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting had a visitor Tessa Willie. Ms. Willie is with Helping Services and is promoting Nicotine Free zones in park and recreation areas. Helping Services will provide signage after cities show passed resolutions. Jane will bring resolution to next council meeting for approval.

**Public Works Director Report:** Ed Hampe reported in Tyler Smith's absence. Laptop has been ordered and should be delivered shortly. Tyler picked up a load of sand/salt for future use. Tyler is scheduled for Wastewater classes December 10, 11 & 17, 18 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Different options for Public Works office space was discussed. Mayor Chilson requested Jim Hartzell be asked if his quonset building next door to Community Center would be for sale. Jane researched the option of Kitchen Park to be built on for library use. One step would be to contact Oneota Club for permission to build as they are listed as maintaining the property with the City of LS to mow it as Kitchen Park. The city is listed as owners of the property. Eddie Miller didn't think that was an option any longer as the ground is unstable.

**Parking on Boulevard and semi-tractor parked over sidewalk:** The council noticed improvements on the property. The cars have been moved from the boulevard, tho the semi is still parked over the sidewalk. The council will give this a bit more time and check back again next month to see what happens as the semi is a drivable vehicle.

**Hoopman Property:** Walter's sister gave permission for the City to dispose of and bill for the trash bags to be removed. Tyler disposed of bags already.

**Tienter Property:** no updates.

**City Attorney, replacement:** Council requested that 3 attorneys be sent letters of interest. The attorneys are Bart Seebach of Story, Schoeberl & Seebach; Joseph Braun of Elwood, O'Donohoe, Braun & White; Nathan Schwickerath.

**Dog Complaints:** no updates.

**Aerial Photography by Greg Cromer:** Greg brought in a photograph that was taken August 2020. He left cards with website [www.gregcromer.com](http://www.gregcromer.com). Fees are \$ 195 to \$ 295 for framed photos.

**Bolton & Menk:** Brian Malm gave their **Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan** for the City. Hardcopies of the report were handed out to council and public works. He acknowledged that Lime Springs is same as many other small towns with older treatment systems and someday we will have to make changes. He stressed need for maintaining current system by checking into inflow from any sump pumps that may be dumping into the current sewer system. This requires public works to inspect any property that have sump pumps and verify where it dumps into. He also explained pipe lining as an option, where a flexible pipe is put inside the old pipe and then sealed. This option does not require the streets to be dug up and this option only works when the old pipe has not collapsed. Normally cities do a mix of both pipe lining and new pipes. Brian Malm recommended the City of LS continue with their televising that was last done in 2016, where only some of the pipes were done. The City needs to be aware that one of the advantages of replacing the pipe is that at same time the street is re-surfaced as part of it, but this also makes this option more expensive. Just depends on the funding that may be available for what option. Currently the project costs make it too high for the City to fix, which then keeps the City of LS at disadvantaged status for the state regulations. This doesn't mean that the City is poor, just that it costs too much to fix with current technology. Bolton & Menk recommends the City of LS determine how much the City is willing and able to spend with the assistance of City financial advisor Maggie Burger (Speer Financial). Brian Malm next presented a work order to do a survey and analysis of the **Merrill Street Bridge**. This needs to be done to determine the cost of replacing the bridge. Nick Rissman of Howard County indicated that they would provide the labor with the City of LS supplying the materials. The work order cost is \$ 10,000. Due to no discussion, Council decided to table the work order.

McNamara motioned for the regular meeting to be closed at 8:25 for the public hearing for the Budget Amendment. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. The budget amendment is for the AirPacks and extra donations received by the Fire Department, as well as debt service of \$ 16,567 that was left off from the original budget. McNamara made a motion to come out of public hearing and continue the regular meeting at 8:30. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Kraft made a motion to accept Resolution 12012020-1 to amend the budget. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup> the Resolution. All present voted Aye to accept the Resolution 12012020-1 to amend the budget.

DeVries made a motion to close the regular meeting to discuss employment applicants. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye.

**Regular meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.**



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**Chris Chilson, Mayor**



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**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**