

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on January 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: Amy Norton

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Jerry White, Nathan Schwickerath

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Open Forum: No Comments.

Agenda, Previous Month Minutes, Approval of Bills and Financials: McNamara made a motion to approve the previous minutes, agenda, bills and financials. DeVries 2nd. All present voted Aye.

Department Heads:

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath reported Fire Dept held elections December 15, 2020. Training Officer is Matthew Levenson, Chief is Nate Schwickerath, Asst Chief is Tary Kolek, Safety Officer is Mike Levenson, Secretary is Barb Robinson. Kraft made a motion to accept the slate of officers, McNamara 2nd. All present voted Aye. Chief noted one retirement of Tom Roberts as he moved out of the area. Fire Dept prepared 100 bags of candy for the Fire Dept Santa Parade. Chester had 50 bags of candy, very well received in both towns. Starter was replaced in Rescue Truck 369. Fire Dept is holding a raffle as a fund raiser January 30. They mailed 2 tickets to all households in the 52155 zip code. Christmas tree pickup is scheduled for Saturday, January 9. Fire Dept purchased flashlights for all members. Fire Dept officially took over SE corner of York Township starting January 1 and have coordinated with dispatch. Fire Dept completed their physicals, scheduled for every other year as a minimum.

Library Report: Jennifer DeVries presented library report in Eddie Miller's absence. Social night of games held with 8 attending, next game night is scheduled for February 6, Alcoholics Anonymous scheduled for January 8. Lego program, Boy's night and movie are some of the children's events scheduled. Book discussion scheduled for January 13.

Park/Pool: Jill Tibbals presented Nicotine Free Resolution 01052021-2. Resolution was read and discussed. DeVries made a motion to approve resolution as read, except to take out wording of parking lots. McNamara 2nd. All present voted Aye.

Public Works Director Report: Council authorized Tyler to spend \$150 to paint his office space at the old city hall. Tyler reported 3 out of the 4 aerators stopped working Christmas Day when electrical breakers tripped. On December 29, the ice was chipped away from the aerators so they could get them moving again. Electricians and the original installers checked everything out and couldn't figure out why the breakers tripped that day. Tyler Smith talked with Matt Levenson and he is good to help out in Public Works along with new hires of Jerry White and Mitch Smith. Tyler reported the tractor & bucket was easier to use than the big plow truck to clean up snow. Tyler researched with Kevin Bill at John Deere for options for the tractor. There are a couple of blades available. Rear blade is \$6,800, front blade is \$6,200, pusher box is \$2,700. The plow truck is 1997 diesel, leaks oil, and truck box is rusted out. Ed & Casey reported they only used the big plow truck for moving snow and when over 6 inches. Can only use on the main streets, as it doesn't fit on all of the side streets and now the plow truck doesn't start even tho plugged in. Council requested Tyler to look at more options of smaller dump truck, how much already invested in big plow truck with maintenance costs, replacing current city truck with bigger truck and check lease dates on tractor. It was clarified that both front and rear blades can be used for road use as well as snow plowing. Tyler will report findings at next Council meeting. Tyler reported went to Sewer classes for 4 days in Cedar Rapids. As part of the sewer class, he had to bring the city's current permits to review. It was strongly recommended the lagoon obtain a 911 location number, so Tyler has been coordinating with different areas to establish a street address for the lagoon.

Building Permits: Tommy Stevenson wants to add on to current garage and Tyler has been talking with him about his options, how far he can add to the front or if have to add to back- no permit requested yet.

Tienter Property: Jane called the courthouse, and the tax lien holder has not redeemed the property as of January 5. Mayor Chilson requested attorney to be contacted to check out the City's options as well check with Jason Passmore for different options.

Merrill Street Bridge: Jen Smith made a motion for the City to approve Bolton-Menk's Task Order to provide a project scope that includes Field Survey, Hydrology & Hydraulic Analysis, Structural Analysis, and planning. Task Order cost is \$ 10,000. Kraft 2nd. McNamara abstained from vote because of living next to bridge. Smith, DeVries and Kraft voted Aye. Task Order approved.

Council questioned if any response from letter sent to homeowner that had been burning trash in back yard. There has been no written or oral response to city clerk. No further notice of burning by homeowner. Council and city employees will check the yard periodically.

Resolution 01052021-3 City Attorney Appointed. Kraft made a motion to appoint Bart Seebach of Story, Schoeberl & Seebach as City Attorney. McNamara 2nd. All present voted Aye. Attorney Bart Seebach appointed as City Attorney.

Set Public Hearing for Max Levy: McNamara made a motion to set the Public Hearing for Max Levy as February 2nd, 2021. DeVries 2nd. All present voted Aye to set Public Hearing date for Max Levy as February 2nd, 2021.

Property Tax Split for FY2022. Smith made a motion to add \$ 388 to each of the 5 entities and put the leftover to the City's General Fund. Kraft 2nd. All present voted Aye. New property tax splits as follows: Library \$ 21,648; Pool \$ 19,648; Park \$ 6,648; Fire Dept \$ 10,648, Community Center \$ 6,648; General Fund \$ 60,475.16.

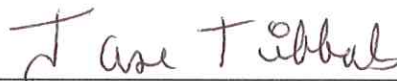
Public Hearing for Budget Amendment by Resolution 01052021-1: Kraft made a motion to close the regular meeting and to open the Public Hearing. McNamara 2nd. All Voted Aye to go into Public Hearing at 8:17 pm. Mayor Chilson asked for any comments or discussion. No comments from anyone. Kraft made a motion to approve the correction of the date in Resolution 01052021-1. Smith 2nd. All voted Aye. Resolution 01052021-1 approved. McNamara made a motion to close the Public Hearing and re-open the regular meeting. DeVries 2nd. All present voted Aye. Regular meeting resumed at 8:20.

Tyler Smith's 6 month's job review will be scheduled for next Council meeting on February 2nd. a motion to close the regular meeting to discuss employment applicants. Kraft 2nd. All present voted Aye.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk

* The highlighted was amended at Feb 2, 2021 meeting prior to Council Approval