

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on March 2, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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

**Member(s) absent:** none

**Visitor(s):** Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Eddie Miller, Elaine Weyers

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Open Forum: No Comments.**

**Agenda, Previous Month's Minutes, Approval of Bills, and Financial report:** Kraft made a motion to approve agenda, previous month's minutes, bills and financial report. DeVries 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye.

**Department Heads:**

**Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath was not present to report. Mayor Chilson read an email from Nate. Fire Dept is currently in process of upgrading one of their grass rig trucks. The 1998 F150 currently using has not been reliable. January raffle went over very well and thanks to everyone who participated. FD is currently lining up a number of trainings for Spring and finishing up Winter HazMat training. Fire Chief Nate attached a new Fire Dept member application, which has already been approved by both Fire Board & LS Fire Dept. This applicant needs Council approve and asks that the application stay confidential and not to be shared outside of Council. Kraft made a motion to accept Scott Osmundson on the LS Fire Dept. Jen Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Application for Scott Osmundson approved.

**Library Report:** Eddie Miller presented the library report. 322 patrons used the library for January. Library Director Janet DeVries is scheduled to attend the Howard County Library Assoc meeting April 6<sup>th</sup>. The library is hosting an Easter coloring contest, pick up information at the library. Warm reads is continuing thru March.

**Park/Pool:** Jill Tibbals presented Lifeguard ad was put in. Target date for pool opening first Saturday in June which is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works Director Report:** Tyler Smith reported Aerators at the West are not unfrozen. Working on the East next, which are not as crucial. Replaced a broken water meter at KCDs. Tyler contacted J Bronson from Harmony regarding the big snow truck. He was helpful how to charge the batteries and Tyler is hoping to get him to come give the truck a look over. After charging a few days, the big truck started Monday. Tyler talked with the Cresco Public Works to ask them what they used to move snow and they suggested a new type of Pusher Box, that doubles as a blade. Tyler contacted Koshatka from Protivin, who is soon to be a dealer, Tyler will follow up. Tyler contacted a few names that he had gotten from former Public Works Casey Sebastian, for certified signer of sewer & water as our current signer, Mike Born gave notice as his last day is March 10<sup>th</sup>. Tyler contacted Dave Felper from Riceville. Dave is certified for Wastewater 1 and Water 1 & 2, which is adequate for LS. Dave is interested in working with LS and Tyler will follow up.

**Tienter Property Update:** no change at this time.

**Merrill Street Bridge:** The Bolton & Menk waiting for Spring for surveying the current structure.

**Insurance Coverage- City Buildings and Contents:** Council McNamara suggested CIA's agent Darrel Elsbernd be invited to maybe the May Council meeting after Council reviews what they have at the April meeting. McNamara reported the library has completed their inventory and she had a copy.

**Elaine Weyers' Sewer Blockage:** Elaine had questions regarding the insurance sponsored by the city. Whose responsibility on when the blockage is past the property owner's line. Council Norton spoke from personal experience that if blockage is in Main sewer line, then it is City's responsibility, otherwise if in the pipe that goes to the Main, then it is the homeowner's, which in this case is Elaine. Discussion followed if and when the sewer lines can be flushed using fire hydrants. Tyler had checked that question out earlier with Mike Born and with others and they didn't think that would be a good idea as there may be a possibility of cross-contamination.

**Utility Billing Charges Ordinance:** Public Hearing Date set as April 6<sup>th</sup> to change the 10% finance charge to be added after the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Currently the 10% is added after the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month, leaving the due date the same as the 12<sup>th</sup>. DeVries made a motion to set the Public Hearing date as April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. McNamara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Public Hearing Date set as April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**5% Journal Entry** to be set aside for future projects in Water & Sewer areas: Currently there is a journal entry entered monthly for future projects in Water & Sewer. Norton understood the journal entry of 5% was to be changed to either 10% prior to 2020. Jane researched and found the 1<sup>st</sup> entry was made 8-31-2010 and has stayed at 5%. Current dollars in the Water is \$ \$ 35,469.12 with Sewer at \$ 34,452.09. McNamara made a motion to change the JE from 5% to 15% effective on next billing cycle in March. DeVries 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Motion approved to set aside 15% instead of 5%.

**Schedule of Fees for FY2021: Resolution 03022021-2.** Council formalized the fees for FY2021. The only fees changing was garbage as Hawkeye raises their rates of 2% per year for next 5 years. Kraft made a motion adopt Resolution 030202021-2. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Discussion for further rate changes tabled until another meeting, as last time rates changed was 2019.

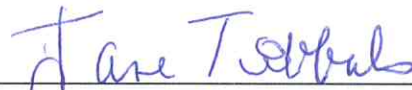
**Public Hearing:** Norton made a motion to close the regular meeting to open up the Public Hearing for the Budget Fiscal Year 2022. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kraft at 7:39. All voted Aye. The Resolution 030222021-1 was read for the proposed FY22 Budget. There was no discussion. McNamara made a motion to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Regular meeting reopened at 7:41 pm. Kraft made a motion to accept the Resolution 03022021-1 accepting the FY 2022 Budget. McNamara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 approved.

**Other Business:** Mayor Chilson had updated Council regarding the Johnson dog incident. The Sherriff is still investigating as there is no other updates. Question was asked regarding the Tienter property. Mayor Chilson said that Council will have to make a decision, and this was tabled until another meeting. Council asked Jane to reach out to City Attorney for answers and Marcie (Times Plain Dealer) suggested to ask Jason Passmore for assistance in options. Kraft made a motion to adjourn. Norton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.



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Chris Chilson, Mayor



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Jane Tibbals, City Clerk