

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on April 6, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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

**Member(s) absent:** Kristy McNamara, Amy Norton

**Visitor(s):** Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Eddie Miller, Barry Johnson, Nate Schwickerath, Gary Weyers, Ed Hampe, Randy Assmus, Barb Johnson, Tom Johnson

**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. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye.

**Department Heads:**

**Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath reported a couple of controlled burns and a couple of uncontrolled burns. He reported the Fire Dept is planning on hosting both Father's Day & Sweet Corn Day Breakfasts. The Fireman attended training in Chester when a burn trailer was bought in. The LS Fire Dept burned a house for training purposes that was donated to them. The Fire Dept upgraded their Grass Rig with a 2003 Chevy 2500HD 4X4 ¾ ton. They are taking bids for the 1998 Ford F-150 until April 27, then will open the bids that night during their Fire Dept meeting. They are replacing their light bars with LED to be more visible.

**Library Report:** Eddie Miller presented the library report. 16 people participated in the February thru March Warm Reads Program this year. National Library Week is April 4<sup>th</sup> thru April 10<sup>th</sup>. 283 patrons used the Library for February with 179 from Town and 104 from Country.

**Park/Pool:** Jill Tibbals welcomed Jen Smith as the new liaison for the Pool & Park, replacing Kris McNamara. Pool & Park Dept is hosting Mother's Day Salad Luncheon May 8 from 11 am to 1 pm. Carry cuts will be offered. Brian Lewis is scheduled for the entertainment. Jill reported quite a few lifeguard applications have been received.

**Public Works Director Report:** Tyler Smith reported there was a bit more snow removal that had to be done this last month, hopefully we are done for a while. Tyler has been working with Jane & Barb on inventorying the work areas for insurance purposes. Tyler presented bids for 14 by 24 foot utility building – 10 foot tall sidewalls. \$ 4,796.00 LeRoy Lumber & \$ 4,736 Vantage Metals. This is for materials only, no cement floor. The utility shed would be used to store the lawnmowers and other tools that is being displaced from the library expansion project. One of the locations mentioned was by the Water Tower. Tyler has been cleaning up at the dump and burned the Christmas trees. Bob from Hawkins, the water chemicals company, contacted Tyler regarding a Chemical Monitor for the Pool. Our cost would be \$ 2,300 installed and Bob said that he would be available to assist with getting the pool ready to open. Tyler used 2 loads of Cold-Mix to fill some potholes in town. Cold-Mix is only \$ 107 for 1.35 tons and spent 3-4 hours spreading it each load. Tyler presented quotes for lawnmowers. Harrington's at \$ 10,022.12 for 35 hp Boss XL and Windridge is at \$ 10,800 for 27 hp Hustler. Both dealers gave city non-profit discounts, and both have 60" decks. Both dealers said that they would take trade-in of the old lawnmower but suggested the city could get better price selling on their own. Eddie Miller suggested American Steel be contacted to see what they may have available for utility building. Tyler approved 2 building permits. Gary Klomp for a bigger deck and Gary Weyers for porch addition. Brian Johnson asked what the city was doing about the wood pile on the corner of Merrill & Center Streets. The Mayor & Council asked Jane to contact the homeowner to see what her plans are. DeVries asked if the Yard Waste money could be used for lawnmower purchase. Jane reported previous 2 mowers were bought using Funds from sale of School, Water Funds and Park Dept Funds. Jill Tibbals reported the grants were denied for lawnmower. Jen Smith made a motion to buy lawnmower from Harrington's. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Motion passed to buy lawnmower from Harrington's. After discussion, funds were allocated half from Parks and half from another city

fund. Parks had budgeted for a lawnmower this next fiscal year. Council asked Tyler to sell the one of the lawnmowers, he said that he would sell the older of the 2, the 2005 John Deere.

**Certified Signer:** Smith made a motion to hire Dave Felper as the certified signer at same rate as paying Mike Born. DeVries 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Tienter Property Update:** Mayor Chilson asked Jane to contact City Attorney to see what the process is to assume ownership of the property in order to get it cleaned up. Council Kraft asked that Jason Passmore be contacted to see if there are any funds available for assistance. Citizen Barb Johnson asked what city's liability is if someone broke in got hurt while on the property. Mayor answered that is all the more reason to clean it up, so someone doesn't do that. Eddie Miller asked if an ordinance could be passed requiring everyone to carry insurance on their property. Mayor Chilson said that we could check with the attorney to see what legalities would be involved.

**Merrill Street Bridge:** Brian Malm (Bolton & Menk) said they are scheduled for end of next week to survey it.

**Insurance Coverage- City Buildings and Contents:** Mayor & Council were handed the inventory findings and asked that all be sent to city insurance agent, Darrell Elsbernd, so he can refigure the insurance rates. Darrell will present the updated rates at a future meeting

**Future plans for Sewer & Water rates:** Jane was asked to schedule City's financial advisor, Maggie Burger to attend next meeting and hear what her recommendations are.

**School Park Property:** Barry Johnson expressed interest in buying part of the grassy area, that joins his property. It was brought to Council's attention, the LP tank for Spring Ahead Learning Center is buried on this property. Kraft made a motion to have a survey done of the property. DeVries 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Motion approved for a survey to be done for a property sale.

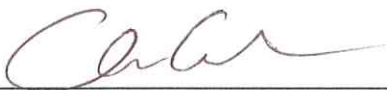
**Nuisance – Jeff Harden property & Tank & Tummy property:** It appears that an effort has been made to clean up some of the trash, city will continue to monitor it. Mayor asked that property owner for Tank & Tummy be contacted by phone for the abandoned refrigerator that is sitting outside with its doors still attached. This is against federal law and is listed as a public safety hazard. She will also be asked to move the upholstered furniture sitting outside.

**Dust Control:** Council was in agreement to ask Chuckie Larson for dust control similar to what he did last year. Jane will contact him for times.

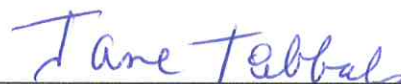
**Public Hearing:** DeVries made a motion to close the regular meeting to open up the Public Hearing for the Utilities Billing Charges – Billing Penalty at 7:50 pm. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. The Resolution 04062021-1 was read for the Ordinance amending the finance charges to be charged on the 25<sup>th</sup> instead of the 12<sup>th</sup>, leaving the due date the same as the 12<sup>th</sup>. There was no discussion. Kraft made a motion to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Regular meeting reopened at 7:55 pm. DeVries made a motion to accept the Resolution 04062021-1 Utilities Billing Charges Billing Penalty. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Resolution 04062021-1 approved.

Smith made a motion to close the regular city council meeting and enter into closed session to discuss past due water bills. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye to go into closed session at 8:00 pm.

Kraft made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:25 pm to adjourn. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk