

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on May 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: none

City Employees: Tyler Smith (Public Works), Jane Tibbals (City Clerk)

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Eddie Miller, Barry Johnson, Billi Johnson, Jarry Hughes, Richard Cottrell, Ed Greiman

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. No 2nd to Kraft's motion. DeVries made a motion to amend the agenda to take out the Public Hearing, approve the previous month's minutes, bills & financials report. McNamara 2nd. Smith voted no, other 4 voted yes. Agenda amended to take out the Public Hearing and the previous month's minutes, bills & financial reports were approved. After the agenda was amended to take out the Public Hearing, Richard Cottrell requested to withdraw his bid and his bid was returned to him unopened.

Department Heads:

Fire Dept. Report: No report as Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath was not present.

Library Report: Eddie Miller presented the library report. 19 pictures were entered for the Snowman Contest. 94 registered for National Library Week. Total patrons served for month of March was 390, with 235 from town and 155 from country. Easter Coloring contest had 31 entries and the Easter Cake contest had 12. The LS library is asking for pictures from the 2021 graduates to be displayed for the month May, please drop pictures off at library. The library is having a Community Art Show, with an open house on May 8, from 1 to 4 pm. The library hosted an essay contest for April "What I love about the LS Library" in 100 words or less.

Community Board: Jarry Hughes reported that the raffle held with Community Club, was very successful. Rentals are starting to pick up. Bingo has been scheduled the Saturday afternoon, during Sweet Corn Days.

Park/Pool: Jill Tibbals reported Softball sign up was held May 1st and another practice has been scheduled for this Friday evening, May 7. 14 lifeguards applied. They are: Kendal Butikofer, Tori Eckard, Kristen Frazer, Ana Gibbs, Alyssa Halvorson, Skylar Henry, Lyli Kunert, Anna Mae Levenson, Alayna Larson, Teryn Lukes, David Meinecke, Ashley Reicks, Kaylea Gosnell, and Sami Weigert. DeVries made a motion to hire the 14 guards, Norton 2nd, all present voted Aye. All 14 guards hired. Pool passes are on sale now at the reduced rate. \$ 110 for family and \$ 55 for individual. Day passes are \$ 5. Hours are same as last year 1 to 8 pm. Tyler ordered a chemical monitor, that needs to be installed before pool can be filled. Tyler & Mitch Smith installed the 2 new benches in the home team dugout, they look really nice. Council McNamara added some concerns she had received from some of the Pool & Park board members that had come to her with them not feeling part of the decision making. The big one being the recent lawn mower purchase, that had been approved at council, prior to Pool & Park meeting. Jill responded by saying that the Pool & Park had agreed to more in person meetings at the pool when it is open, maybe try bi-weekly instead of monthly.

Public Works Director Report: Tyler Smith reported building permits approved for: Tom & Barb Johnson for a privacy fence; St Paul's Lutheran Church's outdoor gazebo to be used for weddings & outdoor services, Gary Weyers' front porch and Brady Vrieze's cement patio & fence. Tyler had talked with Chuckie Larson regarding dust control. Tyler expressed getting the areas graded and/or rocked before dust control can be applied. Tyler received a call from Amber Hinck, regarding taking a tree down in the boulevard and she wants to replace the tree with something else. Council discussed planting in the boulevard and Kraft said one of the bigger reasons not to plant in boulevard is that the trees grow into the lines overhead and traffic obstruction. Tyler said started mowing last week and the new lawnmower handles really nice and is an extreme time-saver. He mowed in 2 to 3 hours what had

taken over 5 hours last year. He has had a couple people interested buying the old mower. 1 bid already received. Tyler reported Mehmerts dug at the Tom Stevenson's Forest Street property, looking for a water leak and they installed a temporary fix. Tyler contacted Casey Sebastian and he is going to bring in a water tracing tool to assist. Tyler is currently waiting on Mehmerts for costs and a direction. The fix may involve street repair as well.

Resolution 05042021-1, Resolution appointing Dave Felper as Certified Signer for the City of Lime Springs IA. McNamara made a motion to approve Resolution 05042021-1 to appoint Dave Felper as Certified Signer for the City of Lime Springs IA. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye.

Tienter & Jenkins Properties Update: Tyler requested Mehmerts to prepare the estimates with options of just one property coming down as well as both and Brent Mehmert said both properties would have to come down, he is not able to bid and safely take just the Tienter property down. Kraft made a motion for the city acquire ownership of the Tienter building to take the building down. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye. Jane to contact the City Attorney to get the steps in motion for this property transfer. DeVries suggested council to meet again in 2 weeks, Tuesday May 18th at 7 pm for follow up. The city will have to pay the taxes on the Tienter building of \$ 1,049.00.

Merrill Street Bridge: Bolton & Menk was here on April 22 and surveyed the property. We have not received any reports back from them yet, maybe by the 18th and can discuss.

Insurance Coverage- City Buildings and Contents: Insurance agent, Darrell Elsbernd emailed updated information with a couple different options. Mayor & Council agreed to invite him to next meeting to explain.

Future plans for Sewer & Water rates: Financial advisor, Maggie Burger was not available for this month. This was tabled until next meeting.

Nuisance -Tank & Tummy property: The property owner did remove the abandoned refrigerator and the upholstered furniture sitting outside. The appliances are still sitting there after a letter was sent with a deadline to remove them from the sidewalk/boulevard area. McNamara made a motion the city to have the appliances hauled away and owner to be billed. Discussion followed with Smith making similar motion. DeVries 2nd. Kraft abstained from voting, other 4 voted Aye. Jane to contact Bruening to haul appliances and bill property owner.

Lime Springs Upper Iowa Beef: Ed Greiman answered the City's letter regarding trash. They believe most of the trash came from Casey's next door. They did send some of their employees to clean up the paper trash during their down time, in the fields and ditches. He reported they are working on another expansion and may need a building permit in the near future. Currently employ 160 and hope to add another 20-25 more. They also need more parking. Mayor Chilson asked about water needs and Ed didn't think their expansion should make much of an impact on the water or sewer usage.

Tree Dump Concrete: Discussion followed and clarified who can dump concrete out there. Anyone can bring trees in, both town and outside of town. However, it was clarified that only town people can dump concrete out there. Council decided to hold off on crushing more concrete for now. Tyler will continue to monitor what else is dumped out there and maintain the cameras, to keep them in working order.

Bolton & Menk approval: Kraft made a motion to approve Bolton & Menk to prepare & submit the City's annual update to Iowa DNR that is due July 1st, for Wastewater NPDES Compliance, not to exceed 8 hours billed. Smith 2nd. All voted Aye. Katie Sterk will present the update to the City at the June Council meeting.

Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease: Lease is currently \$ 150.00 a month and expires June 30, 2021. City pays for water, garbage, pest control, fire safety check, alarm checks, building structure insurance, snow removal, lawn mowing, and maintenance of the building (lightbulbs, plumbing, and furnace repair). Council was given a copy of the current lease and will discuss further at the May 18th meeting.

Millhouse Liquor License: McNamara made a motion to approve the renewal of the liquor license. Kraft 2nd. All voted Aye. Millhouse Liquor License renewal approved.

Casey's Cigarette Permit: Kraft made a motion to approve the renewal of the cigarette permit. Norton 2nd. All voted Aye. Casey's Cigarette Permit renewal approved.

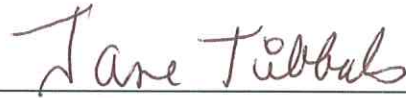
Other Business: Mayor Chilson has received a notice from the Howard County Sherriff. An individual has been charged regarding the dog shooting. This person has pleaded not guilty and next step is going to trial. Homeowner Richard Cottrell expressed concern regarding the sale of the school park lot and how this may impact his buried heating system. Tyler Smith & Mayor Chilson tried to explain the heating system and suggested Richard contact a heating technical person to explain how the heating system would be repaired, not thru digging from above, but by boring all underground.

Kraft made motion to close the regular city council meeting and enter into closed session to discuss past due water bills. Smith 2nd. All voted Aye to go into closed session at 8:44 pm.

Kraft made a motion to come out of closed session at 9:05 pm to adjourn. Smith 2nd. All voted Aye to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk