

Mayor Chris Chilson called the special meeting / work session of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on May 18, 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, Eddie Miller, Darrel Elsbernd (CIA Insurance), Richard Cottrell

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Open Forum: No Comments.**

**Agenda:** Kraft made a motion to approve Agenda, Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, all present voted Aye. Agenda approved.

## **Department Heads:**

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

**Library Report:** Eddie Miller had no report from Library.

**Park/Pool:** Jill Tibbals reported Kristen Frazer had to withdraw her application for lifeguard, due to scheduling conflicts. Jill confirmed Pool hours will be 1 to 8 pm. Season Passes available at City Hall. Discounted prices, prior to pool opening are \$ 110 for family and \$ 55 for Single, with opening day scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Question asked if the Pool Chemical Monitor had been installed yet. Public Works Director Tyler replied, it had just come in and needs to be installed by Hawkins. Tyler will coordinate installation with Hawkins and a licensed plumber. Mayor asked if temp checks should be required this year or not. After discussion, consensus is that thermometer will be available at the pool and temps will only be taken if guards feel are necessary. Jill will put temp checks on the next Pool & Park meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Question was asked how Pool handles if someone is not financially able to pay for swimming? Answer by Jill and Council was that Good Samaritans have sponsored "Free Swim Days" as well as paying for needy family's season passes.

**Public Works Director Report:** Tyler Smith reported a leaking valve needs to be replaced on Forest Street. Brent Mehmert recommended it be done by Winter. Tyler checked the pool, and the current drain covers need to be fastened down, currently they are just set in there. Iowa law states that pool covers need to be screwed or bolted down. There are some cracks that need to be repaired and painting prior to opening as well. Tyler reported used and excess city supplies, including scrap iron that are stored at the old city sewer plant area are not secured. There is a fence and a no trespassing sign, but no gate. Mayor requested Tyler to come back with options and plan on how best to secure the area. Council requested if there is scrap iron to take in, then the money could be used for other Public Works equipment. Tyler reported the door opener at the Public Works Shop is not working he had to lock the door down manually. Tyler is to contact Overhead Door to get estimates to replace or fix.

**Tienter & Jenkins Properties:** Jane reported City Attorney Bart Seebach has requested a Title Report on the Tienter Property, to verify names on the deed. City Attorney also suggested that someone on Council contact the owner to give him an offer for his building. City Attorney would be able to prepare a Quit Claim Deed, that would be next step. DNR permits would be obtained by the asbestos removal agent.

**Merrill Street Bridge:** Brian Malm (Bolton & Menk) had emailed to the Council that the bridge survey was done and they are now working on the hydraulic analysis. The HA confirms the opening needed for the bridge and then the structural analysis is done after that. Hydraulic analysis should take about 2 weeks with the structural analysis another week after that. Bolton & Menk will then coordinate with Howard County and options will be presented to council.

**Insurance Coverage:** Darrel Elsbernd (CIA insurance rep) presented the premium increase of the annual insurance after the city departments had sent in their increased insurable values. The increases included new aerators, lawn mower, and property coverage of \$ 375,000. Darrel confirmed

that value changes could be submitted on-going rather than waiting for annual review. Premiums will be billed pro-rated. There was an inquiry from the floor of what the hours are at the City Parks. Answer is that Brown Park & Ball Park are posted as closing at 10 pm. It was pointed out there are no hours posted at School Park. Mayor said that hours would be posted, but the parks cannot be secured. Norton made a motion of the City to accept the increased coverage. Kraft 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye. Motion approved which will increase premium cost of approximately \$ 1,000 per year.

**Rate Changes for Sewer & Water:** Tabled

**Nuisances:** Bruening picked up appliances on the boulevard and the building owner was billed.

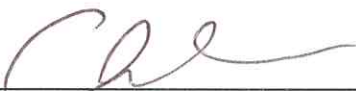
**Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease** expires June 30, 2021. Last year's expenses were detailed for Council. Discussion followed that this building is also designated as an emergency storm shelter. Two firemen are posted at the Spring Ahead Learning Center entrance to assist anyone that comes for that purpose. A reminder will be put with the next utility bills that the storm shelter is available when bad weather strikes. Council decided to table the lease until next month. Question was asked if the building that houses the Spring Ahead Learning Center and Storm Shelter could be used for another purpose. The City Council did not have a ready answer as the building was put up using grant money and while the school was still open. This could be researched further if there is a need.

**School Park:** Survey was done by Erdman Engineering to split one lot into two. Maps reflecting the proposed lots were handed out. No changes to the survey. Kraft made a motion to approve the survey so that it can be recorded. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye to approve the survey of the 2 lots, A & B of Lot 2, so it can be recorded. Council asked if there was going to be further discussion of selling part or all of the area known as School Park. Council decided if they were going to discuss further, it may need to be done in closed session.

**Cats:** City workers and Council members have had complaints from citizens that there appear to be quite a few unclaimed cats wandering around. Mayor requested that Tyler purchase a couple live traps.

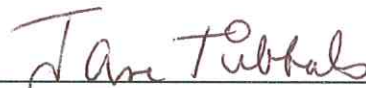
Kraft made motion to close the regular city council meeting and enter into closed session to discuss personnel issues and potential real estate transactions. McNamara 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye to go into closed session at 8:10 pm.

Kraft made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:55 pm to adjourn. Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted Aye to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.



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**Chris Chilson, Mayor**



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**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**