

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 June 15, 2021, at 6:40 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: none

City Employees: Jane Tibbals (City Clerk), Jerry White (Public Works)

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Jodie Hubka (Spring Ahead Learning Center Director), Carolyn Nagele, Kirstin Widell, Brandi Rice, Dakota Hruska, Luke Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Open Forum: Marcie Klomp commented on how nice it is to drive by pool and see it busy. Good job to Jill, Pool Board and guards on getting it up and running this season.

Agenda: Smith asked that the Agenda item of the Learning Center Lease be moved up on the agenda. Kraft made a motion to approve the changed agenda to move the Agenda Item of the Learning Center Lease up on the agenda. 2nd by McNamara. All Voted 5 Aye. Agenda approved.

Department Heads:

Fire Dept. Report: No report presented.

Library Report: No report presented.

Community Board: No report presented.

Park/Pool: Jill Tibbals reported the Brown Park bathrooms are now open after Tyler made the needed repairs. Pool & Park Board have scheduled the hours to be open at 8 am and locked at 8 pm. DeVries made a motion to get Heather Knutson a key to lock the bathrooms at 8 pm and for public works to open the bathrooms at 8 am. McNamara 2nd. All Voted 5 Aye. Motion carried for Public Works to open Brown Park bathrooms at 8 am each day and key to Heather Knutson to lock the bathrooms at 8 pm each evening. Research on Portapotties alternative found them to be \$ 100/month. Maybe something to look at for down to Ballfield after the pool closes. Pool & Park Board is asking for adding "Slow down, children at play" signs for the pool parking lot to remind people to slow down for children and extra foot traffic. Pool managers asked the Pool & Park to consider allowing them use of the Sam's Club app so they can order online some of the candy supplies. More research needs to be done before this can be implemented. Open House at the Pool was Sunday, June 13, with free popcorn and cookies, was well attended. Pool has been busy early in the day with slowing down by evening. The first late night swim of the season is scheduled for Saturday June 19 from 9 pm to 12 pm. There is a \$ 5.00 charge, whether season pass or not for late night swims. Mayor Chilson said that he would talk with the Sherriff's dept to see if they would schedule their patrols more in the afternoon. The Sheriff's presence may deter some of the traffic issues in the parking lots and the roads leading in and out.

Public Works Director Report: Jerry White reported in Tyler Smith's absence. Dust Control absorbed in as the ground is so dry, so spotty, also product seems to be limited so far this season.

Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease: Mayor Chilson clarified it is the City's understanding, when Howard-Winn School district released the school and Learning Center's buildings to the City, that all grants and contingencies of those grants were null and void. The annual lease is expiring the end of June. Currently the lease is \$150 a month. City Council thanked the board members from the Learning Center for coming to talk with Council. Currently the City pays for the dumpster service, pest control, fire inspections, and all maintenance of the building and the grounds. The City also furnishes the water and sewer. The Learning Center pays for fuel for heat and electricity and insurance of their contents. The City pays for the insurance on the building. Mayor Chilson acknowledged the Learning Center is a non-profit, but also asked the Learning Center to understand the Council needs to look out for the best interest for the City. Learning Center Director Jodie Hubka said that their enrollment capacity is 60 but currently have 45 scheduled with the older kids right now. Their numbers fluctuate from week to week. McNamara presented numbers that it is costing the City \$ 1,000 a month for the Learning Center to be in the building. Jodie handed a copy of their

May income and expense sheet to Council, but also stated some months they have a positive number and some months they have a negative number for income. Luke Johnson, Learning Center board member, asked for more time for them to get a better understanding of all of the numbers. Council Smith made a motion to extend their current lease for July and August at the \$ 150 month fee, giving time for all to review the numbers and revisit the lease. McNamara 2nd. All 5 Voted Aye. Motion carried for lease for July & August to remain at the \$ 150 per month. The Learning Center Board invited Council to attend their next meeting scheduled for July 12 at 5 pm. City Council asked the Learning Center to furnish more months of numbers to help with decision. Council Smith & Kraft will plan to attend their next meeting.

School Park: Council discussed the merits of Soft Close as was brought up at previous Council Meeting. McNamara made a motion to keep the bids as sealed and no soft close. Smith 2nd. DeVries voted No, Smith, McNamara, Kraft and Norton voted Yes. Motion carried to keep the bids as sealed with no soft close. Notice goes in paper June 23, 2021. Bids are due 11 am, date of next Council meeting, which is July 6.

Tienter & Jenkins Properties Update: Council Kraft clarified that Mehmerts will not be able to take down one building without the other building so City needs to acquire both buildings before we can continue. Council Kraft also wanted Steven Jenkins to know that there was no grant involved, - Jane sent this text message to him earlier today. The Council agreed to give deadline of June 25th. Council Smith made a motion for City to acquire the property from Jenkins for \$ 6,000. Norton 2nd. All 5 Voted Aye. Motion approved for City to accept Steven's first offer of \$ 6,000.

Merrill Street Bridge: Tyler Smith walked around with engineer Brian Malm (Bolton & Menk) on Friday, June 11. They visited Merrill Street Bridge, Tienter/Jenkins properties, Sewer plant and Casey's/Beef Plant area. Tyler understood they would come and present their findings to Council tonight. There must be miscommunication of dates and times as they did not come tonight. Council Kraft said that she also talked with Brian Malm after he toured the Beef Plant that date and he explained how the parking could work. Innovation Drive may have to be widen to accommodate the additional parking. Council then brought up parking on other city streets and ordinance against. Council requested letters to be sent to offenders parking over sidewalks and semi-trucks parking overnight on City streets.

Future plans for Sewer & Water rates: no additional information.

Hawkeye Sanitation and Clean Up Day: Jane reported that Hawkeye will do a clean-up day as they would bring a dumpster in, that the City would supervise, to make sure that nothing got tossed in that should not be. Council rejected this idea and asked what it would take to get it like it was previously as one thought Cresco recently had clean up day with Hawkeye going around to each place to pick up. Time to clean up before Sweet Corn Days this year. Jane will contact them to ask what conditions besides just the one manned dumpster. Bruening was mentioned for TVs and other appliance pickup, maybe as a fund raiser for the Pool & Parks.

Annual Progress Report for DNR: Kraft made a motion for Bolton & Menk to submit the Annual Progress Report to DNR. Norton 2nd. All 5 Voted Aye. Motion approved for Katie Sterk to submit the Annual Progress Report to DNR. The report still has the City of Lime Springs listed in disadvantaged community status until 2023.

Deputy Clerk – hiring replacement: Kraft made a motion to accept Barb Johnson's resignation with her last day as June 8. McNamara 2nd. All 5 voted Aye. Ad will be put in papers for Deputy Clerk as previously with it being 16 hours a week.

Jackson Street: Council Kraft asked if a 4 way stop could be implemented on the corners of Jackson, Kitchen, Forest and Main Streets. Kraft asked if the current cameras could be raised higher as it missed incidents awhile back. McNamara made a motion to add needed Stop signs on Jackson Street. Norton 2nd. Kraft abstained from voting. DeVries, Smith, McNamara, Norton all Voted Aye. Motion approved to make Jackson Street intersection a 4 way Stop.

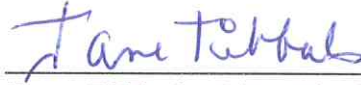
Tree Trimming: Norton brought up there are trees that need to be trimmed. All Council is asked to come to next meeting as well as ask Public Works to identify trimming needs. A request came up of planting trees in the boulevard to replace? According to ordinances, Public Works OK planting in the boulevards, so a request will be made to Tyler Smith.

McNamara made a motion to close the regular City Council meeting and enter into closed session with Mayor and Council. Kraft 2nd. All voted Aye to go into closed session at 8:15 pm.

Kraft made a motion to come out of closed session at 8:45 pm to adjourn. DeVries 2nd. All voted Aye to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk