

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on August 3, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: Amy Norton

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

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Eddie Miller, Richard Cottrell, Nate Schwickerath, Sharla Lieder, Adam Munkel, Jodie Hubka (Spring Ahead Learning Center Director), Becky Fritcher, Carolyn Nagele, Libby Schwade, Dale Schwade, Ronda Hughes, Jarry Hughes, Brooke Leverson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Open Forum: no comments.

Agenda, Previous Month's Minutes, Approval of Bills, and Financial report: McNamara made a motion to approve agenda, previous month's minutes from July 6 meeting, bills and financial report. Kraft 2nd. Kraft, DeVries & McNamara voted yes. Norton & Smith not present for vote. The agenda, previous month's minutes, bills & finance reports were approved. Smith came to meeting at 7:20 during Public Works' report.

Department Heads:

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath reported Fire Dept busy with pre- Sweet Corn Days, the firemen are planning on washing streets Tuesday & Wednesday nights; please refer to Facebook for up to date times and changes. Howard County Sheriff received new AEDs and donated one of their old ones to LS Fire Dept. So now 2 trucks have AEDs in them. Thank you Sheriff's Dept for their generous donation. Don Dietzenbach has agreed to make a \$ 5.00 donation for any time the LS Fire Dept is mentioned when they give an insurance quote. Nate presented a new application of Brady Vrieze for fireman. McNamara made a motion for Brady Vrieze for fireman with DeVries 2nd. Kraft, DeVries & McNamara voted yes. Norton & Smith not present for vote. Brady Vrieze approved for Lime Springs Fire Dept. Firefighter.

Library Report: Eddie Miller presented the Library report. The Library Board did not meet in July. He read various library activities for July, including Drum Circle Program that had 15 participants. The Drum Circle went over so well, that another one is planned for August. The Library reported patrons served 306 from town and 219 from country for a total of 525 for June. There is a Window Contest going on, with form available from the Library.

Community Center Board: Jarry Hughes reported Sweet Corn Days' Saturday Bingo fundraising activity is from 1 to 4 pm. Jarry said that the Community Center will help finance Fire Dept's "No Parking" signage.

Park/Pool: Sharla Lieder presented the Pool & Park had just met the previous evening and voted from the 5 applicants they had for new Pool & Park board member. Their board approved Diane Tieskotter as their new voting board member with her husband, Mark as a volunteer. Sharla reported the other 3 didn't know if they wanted to stay on as volunteers or not, at this time. The board accepted Sami Weigert's resignation as Pool manager. July 23, Sharla, Janet and Jennifer DeVries were called to the pool because \$ 75.25 was missing from concessions. Sharla filed a report with the Howard County Sheriff. Sharla reported they are serving Chicken & Brats for Friday night during Sweet Corn Days. They are all looking forward to the Back to School Bash scheduled for August 18 with a rain date of August 19th. The pool will be closed and cleaned after this date. Mark & Diane Tieskotter have volunteered to pay for anyone without a pool pass for this evening. July 16th's late night swim was well received with 43 patrons. The July 31st's night swim didn't happen unfortunately due to rain that day and no more scheduled for this year. The guards are really liking their new pool vacuum. The ball stand door and window have been found open. The ball stand's concessions have been moved to the pool. The softball teams held a pizza party to celebrate and thank all of the parents and coaches for the season this year. They played kickball and had a great time. DeVries made a

motion to accept Diane Tieskotter as voting member with Mark as a volunteer. McNamara 2nd. DeVries & McNamara voted yes with Kraft voting no. Smith & Norton not present to vote. Motion approved to accept Diane Tieskotter as voting member and husband Mark as volunteer.

Public Works Director Report: Tyler Smith reported painted some lines and need to paint more on Main Street. He put up the signs at the 4 way stop and has more to call locate service on before can dig for poles. He obtained some bacteria blocks to hang at the pumps for preventive grease buildup. He talked with Brian Frost from Electric Pump to put LS on same maintenance schedule as Cresco. The schedule will include pulling pumps and performing preventive maintenance. This should prevent finding out a pump is not working and alarms going off. Done some tree trimming after small storm damage last week. Fixed a door at the pool, also noticed the pool vac is pulling up some paint. Will look into scheduling painting pool this Fall so paint has time to cure over the Winter. Tyler & Mitch cemented around the Lime Springs' signposts coming into town by the pool as well as cement bases around the picnic tables by the ball field. Tyler helped with the cement on Main Street by the fire hydrant that was replaced earlier. Tyler and Council Kris Kraft met with Brent Mehmert and Ed Greiman at the Beef Plant. Mehmert showed them their parking lot plans now do not include any cutting into the street or any of the city property. Tyler had one building permit from Jason Munkel to put up a chain link fence that can be approved as long as it is not crowding the alley for snow removal.

Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease: Kraft made a motion to move Spring Ahead Learning Center's Lease renewal up the agenda. Smith 2nd. All 4 present voted Aye with Norton Absent. Jodie Hubka handed out paper copy of an overview and Libby Schwade, former member of the Spring Ahead Learning Center Board, was present to offer the history of the Spring Ahead Learning Center (SALC). SALC and the Storm Shelter was created thru a collaborative project made up of Howard-Winn School District, City of Lime Springs, business owners in LS and community members including the childcare providers in LS. Planning began in 2007, with the building opening in February 2013. Libby encouraged the Council to compare the expenses that relate to the building maintenance as well to the childcare and what the SALC already pays thru inside maintenance as well as the electricity for the storm shelter. She feels the rent should cover the City's expenses. Council McNamara is still asking for a copy of their financials to help her understand what the income and expenses are. Council had received a copy of their expenses at a previous Council meeting. Dumpster rates were clarified with Hawkeye Sanitation. While investigating the expenses for the SALC and the City, it was found out that neither the City nor SALC were being billed or paying for the dumpster that is picked up weekly. Hawkeye is asking it to be billed at \$ 150/month. Council Smith had attended the SALC's last board meeting, and the question came up of what the dumpster rates are for The Mill House and Casey's and how they are being billed. Jane reported that Casey's is paying \$ 700/month and Mill House is paying \$ 150 with the City billing both of these. SALC asked if they had to contract garbage service thru the City. Jane answered back that it would be up to Hawkeye, if they want to pay Hawkeye directly, SALC would have to contact Hawkeye to make those arrangements. Council Smith also asks if the lease could be written for more than 1 year at a time, such as a 3 year lease. Smith made a motion for a lease to be written for \$ 150.00 a month with SALC also paying for garbage service and with a 3 year lease. Kraft 2nd. Smith & Kraft voted Yes. DeVries and McNamara voted No. Norton absent from vote. Discussion followed the tie vote with asking if could write lease until end of year for \$ 150.00 a month. Council and general public was reminded that delay could mean that this Council may not be making the decision then and would it be fair for a new Council to make decision without the history? DeVries stated her hesitation was for the 3 year term. Mayor Chilson said that he liked this motion, and he would vote yes, and the motion was approved. Mayor requested the City Attorney be contacted to write the lease with \$ 150.00 a month for 3 year term and for SALC contract their own garbage. Jodie Hubka said that she would have the financials ready for McNamara to pick up in a couple of days. Jodie added that they plan to take turns between their board members and herself on attending more City Council meetings to help stay more informed. Nate Schwickerath suggested a copy of the minutes be attached to the lease for future references. **1 (see below)

Tienter & Jenkins Properties Update: Title Report was ordered late by the City Attorney, so Council is still waiting. After the Title Report is reviewed, then City Attorney can draw up the paperwork to transfer the Jenkins Property to the City for the agreed upon terms. Until that time, the City is in a holding pattern.

Merrill Street Bridge: Tyler Smith said that he has not received any updates since the last Council meeting.

Future plans for Sewer & Water rates: no discussion as waiting for financial advisor Maggie Burger's response.

Jackson Street: question was asked if the City would consider putting blacktop or something to change this road from gravel to a hard surface. Tyler answered it could be a waste to put down blacktop and then later tear it all out to put in new sewer and water as the current structure is outdated. Council Kraft agreed that it should be done "right" when it is done. Dale Schwade mentioned that other cities are getting grants for their sewer projects and that Lime Springs should be actively looking at getting the sewer under control and then work on streets. He had been talking with Ed Greiman from the Beef Plant and there may be money available for the meat packing plants for some of these projects. Council asked Tyler to explore options for hard surfacing in the meantime to see if there could be temporary solution.

Resolution 08032021-1, Proposed Sale of Lot B of 2 of School Park: McNamara made a motion to approve Resolution 08032021-1 for sale of School Park property to Richard Cottrell. DeVries 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. Resolution 08032021-1 approved.

Business Tax Credit for 105 Willard Street: Kraft made a motion to approve Business Tax Credit for 105 Willard Street. Smith 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. Business Tax Credit for 105 Willard Street, formerly Curt Tienter's property, approved.

RISE Report: Kraft made a motion to file RISE report due to Iowa Dept of Transportation. Smith 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. RISE Report approved to file with Iowa DOT.

Street Closures related to LS Sweet Corn Days: Kraft made a motion to close Main Street from Friday noon (August 13) thru Sunday 5 pm. (August 15). Smith 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. Then after a short discussion clarifying vendor placements and other SC activities. McNamara made a motion for the Community Club to put barricades wherever they needed to for Sweet Corn Days and for a Stop Sign to be added to the 5 corners on Main. DeVries 2nd. Mayor Chilson noted the new motion vacated the first motion. All 4 present Voted Aye. Motion approved for Community Club to place barricades up wherever they needed for Sweet Corn Days for however long and Tyler will put temporary Stop Sign on the 5 corners.

Extra Patrol requested from Howard County Sheriff's Deputies: Off duty deputies are available for \$ 50.00 per hour. Council directed Mayor Chilson to request 2 extra for patrol from 9 pm to midnight, both Friday and Saturday evenings. Mayor will also discuss parade route with Sheriff Beckman for any street closures. Parade will start at Elevator 3.

Community Club Liquor License: McNamara motioned for Community Club Liquor license to be approved. Smith 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. Motion approved for liquor license for Sweet Corn Days.

NuWay K&H Contract: Council received email from Jeff Burnikel with contract price at \$ 1.47 per gallon for next year. Current contract price is \$ 1.34/gallon and last season used 2658 gallons. Discussion followed if should shop around, but decided service known and close vicinity is good for City and prices may go up before next month's meeting. McNamara motioned to approve the new contract price of \$ 1.47. DeVries 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. Motion approved with contract price at \$ 1.47/gallon.

American Red Cross: Smith made a motion for the American Red Cross to use the Community Center as an emergency shelter. Kraft 2nd. All 4 present Voted Aye. Motion approved for LS Community Center to be used as emergency shelter by the Red Cross.

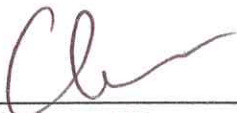
BuyIT@OCIO Laptop Program: Handout from CARES Laptop program where each Iowa City has \$9500 to use towards laptops & accessories. Council agreed for Jane to make decision to see how many we can get as there is a tight deadline of August 15. Nate said that yes, Fire Dept needs one and suggested since we would have to load software separately, to make them all the same. Pool & Park Dept mentioned that it would be nice if one was available.

Other: Council Kraft asked that we go back up to Public Works and talk about sending some letters regarding grass clipping in the streets and excess weeds. DeVries also mentioned that there was a Deputy Clerk application to review.

Kraft made motion to close the regular city council meeting and enter into closed session to name names for letters and to discuss personnel. Smith 2nd. All 4 voted Aye to go into closed session at 8:25 pm.

Kraft made a motion to come out of closed session at 9:02 pm to adjourn. Kraft 2nd. All 4 voted Aye to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

1 After the Council meeting was adjourned, research resulted that in the State of Iowa, Mayors have no voting rights, so SALC Lease motion is not approved with the motion left at a tie vote. The SALC Lease will be put on next agenda.



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk