

Mayor Chris Chilson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on October 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: Kristy McNamara

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

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Brian Johnson, Nate Schwickerath, Becky Fritcher, Ed Hampe, Nick Rissman (Howard Co Engineer), Eddie Miller, Jarry Hughes, Jeff Jacobs (St Paul's Lutheran Church Pastor)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Open Forum: No Comments.

Agenda, Previous Month's Minutes, Approval of Bills, and Financial report: Jane mentioned 2 items to delete from the agenda as the reports are not complete for the Annual Street Financial Report and the Annual Finance Report. Kraft made a motion to approve agenda, previous month's minutes from September 7 meeting, bills and financial reports. DeVries 2nd. Kraft, DeVries, Norton voted yes. McNamara & Smith not present to vote. The agenda, previous month's minutes, bills & finance reports were approved. Smith came to meeting at 7:40 during Old Business.

Department Heads:

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Nate Schwickerath reported Fire Prevention Week is October 3 - 8. The Spring Ahead Learning Center is scheduled to visit the Fire Station Friday, October 8 at 9 AM. LS Fire Dept assisted Chester on a search call recently. LS Fire Dept & Spouses held their Annual Fun Night, with food and Water Ball & Bag Activities. Nate reported more took the First Responder Classes. Local First Responders now include: Michelle Rice, Kelsey Schumacher, Milferd Loewen and Arnie Zimmerman. Three more firefighters are retiring at the end of 2021. They are Ted Roberts after 30 years, Tony Roberts after 35 years and Barb Robinson after 7 years.

Library Report: Eddie Miller presented the Library report. Items discussed and shared at their last meeting - September 29 include Lime Springs Library is hosting the Howard Co Library Association October 5. A Magic Show is scheduled for October 10 at 12:30. Silent Auction at the Library is going to be November 1-30. Donated items being accepted now. The Library reported 172 from town and 123 from country for a total of 295 patrons served for August. There is special Halloween Story Hour scheduled October 27. The Library has scheduled Scary Stories & Activities October 18 at 2:30.

Community Center Board: Jarry Hughes reported Community Center Board is meeting October 18 to discuss hosting Christmas in Lime Springs with the Community Club.

Park/Pool: Brian Johnson reported their next meeting is October 6.

Public Works Director Report: Tyler Smith approved 2 building permits. Jesse Brennon for a privacy fence & Johnson Farms' cement in front of the docks and adding a scale. Tyler talked with Hawkins sales rep regarding Dust Control. Tyler received a donated container and rigged up spraying apparatus. The dust control chemicals should be here Thursday or Friday. By Tyler being able to apply the materials himself, giving the control to the City instead of relying on others as well as saving money. Tyler has scheduled himself to trim trees in the boulevard as well as around some signs.

Tienter & Jenkins Properties Update: Steve Jenkins reported that he has not received the City's paperwork. Jane is to contact City Attorney, Bart Seebach to see if another set needs to be sent out. Tyler reported that Bergo followed up with a phone number for DNR regarding asbestos and who may be certified to handle and remove it. On a side note, it has been reported to the City, that skunks, coons and other pests moved in the buildings.

Merrill Street Bridge: Nick Rissman, Howard County Engineer came before Council with the 28E Agreement with a 10 year annual payment plan. The Board of Engineers had approved & signed the agreement Monday, October 4. The 28E included the clause that will bring the Box Culvert bids to Council for final approval. DeVries motioned for Council to approve the 28E Agreement with Kraft 2nd. All 3 present voted Yes and 2 absent from vote. Mayor Chilson and City Clerk Jane will coordinate to

sign the agreement in Cresco as it needs to be signed and notarized the same day by both. Rissman reported Alliant has been contacted to move any electrical lines as needed. Rissman & Tyler will meet later this week to locate storm drain and water & sewer lines. DeVries asked what the timeline for bids is. Nick said normally bids come back in about 2 weeks after all paperwork has been filed.

Jackson Street: DeVries asked where the City was at regarding the Jackson Street and grants. Jane had reached out to Bolton & Menk to ask process of where to start with any City projects. Bolton & Menk had said we would need detailed plans before applying for grants. Also suggested that an updated income level survey be completed. Brian Malm had stated he would like to wait and come before Council after the elections, so that he would be presenting to new Council and not repeating himself. Mayor read the 3 sewer options that were presented previously, which were do nothing, expand the current system or build a new facility. Council Smith came in during the Jackson Street discussion. Kraft said really can't do anything until Brian Malm comes before Council.

Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease: City Attorney Bart Seebach wrote up a standard lease but pointed out an exclusion in the SALC's insurance and asked Council thru email to pay attention to that area. The SALC's insurance does include contents inside the building and the City's insurance does cover the building structure as well as liability insurance for the Center's outside areas. However, the SALC's insurance does not cover if an employee abuses a child or another person. CIA does write the insurance for both SALC as well as the City of Lime Springs. Becky Fritcher came before Council as the SALC's rep, she said they had just met as a board and are next scheduled to meet in November. Kraft motioned for the City not sign the current lease and continue at the \$ 150 a month until SALC board had time to meet and discuss the lease and insurance. Norton 2nd. All 4 present voted yes with 1 absent from vote. The City & SALC will continue at the \$ 150 a month and revisit this all after the SALC has had a chance to review their insurance. Jane will send copy of the insurance and the lease thru email and questions can be directed to CIA or Jane.

American Rescue Plan Funding: written material to Council clarifying uses & restrictions of funds.

Beacon Software: Pickar-Oulman reported the Beef Plant wants to hold off on updating meter reading software at the present time.

RISE: Iowa DOT sent a letter certifying the RISE project to be fulfilled. The project's funding was contingent on the creation of 50 full-time jobs with an average wage of \$ 14.97 and the Upper Iowa Beef, LLC's information indicated that an average of 76 new full-time jobs were created with an average wage of \$ 20.11.

Little Pantry: Pastor Jeff Jacobs asked the Council for approval of placing the Little Pantry on City grounds. Insurance was discussed and Pastor will check with St Paul's insurance to make sure that it would be covered under their insurance and not the City's liability. He went on to say that this would be made portable in case they need to move to make it more accessible to everyone. DeVries made a motion to place the Little Pantry on City property, as long as St Paul's Lutheran Church insurance will cover the property for any damages. Smith 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes with 1 absent from vote. St Paul would like to place this before Winter sets in.

Bingo coming to Lime Springs: Council DeVries read a flyer that Lidtke Mill Bingo is going to be held at the Fitness Center in Lime Springs with start date of October 11. Bingo is going to be held Mondays with doors opening at 5:45 pm with it being held 6:30 to 9:30. Proceeds to benefit 6 organizations in the Lime Springs area. A few remarks regarding parking and why the City is asking because of the potential of donations were discussed.

Animal Control: the dog owner, Brady Kime was not present. Comments confirmed that the dog is still in town and had gotten loose again. Mayor read the letter that gave a deadline of October 9 to remove dog. Kraft made a motion to continue for the dog's removal out of town. Norton 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes with 1 absent from vote. Mayor stated he would contact Sheriff on Monday, October 11, to move forward with the dog's removal, if the dog had not been removed prior to.

Northeast Iowa Community Action's Water Utility Vendor Agreement: Kraft made a motion to accept Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Smith 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes with 1 absent from vote. Mayor Chilson signed the agreement, and it will be sent over to NE Iowa Community Action.

Annual Street Financial Report & Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021: Reports are due December 1, 2021. Jane will have ready for next Council meeting.

TIF: Annual TIF reports \$ 0.00 for revenue & expenses.

Grants & Funding for City Projects: Amy S Bouska Trust Grant and other fundings were discussed. Different areas addressed included water tower, pool, sewer plant, well buildings and SALC building. Perry Novak was listed as a source of information for solar.

Smith made a motion to adjourn. Kraft 2nd. All 4 voted Yes with 1 absent from Vote.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Chris Chilson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk