

Mayor Brian Johnson called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on February 16, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

**Member(s) present:** Jennifer Kalstabakken, Jeff Burnikel, Richard Cottrell, Michael Levenson

**Member(s) absent:** Kristy McNamara

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

**Visitor(s):** Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Burnikel motioned to approve the agenda. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All present voted Aye. Agenda approved.

**Open Forum:** No Comments.

**Public Hearing for Max Levy:** Burnikel motioned to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 present voted Aye. Public Hearing opened at 6:35 pm. The Max Levy was presented as it was published of \$ 181,529. Cottrell questioned the percentage change from last year's numbers and expressed that residents may question the percentage. Mayor asked Council if they had questions from people and all answered no. Last year's Max Levy number was published at \$ 174,389, with the final budget published the Max Levy as \$ 125,715. The difference is due to an error when numbers transferred from one tab to another on the State budget form. The percentage from \$ 125,715 to \$ 181,529 is 44.39%. Kalstabakken motioned to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 present voted Aye. Regular meeting reopened at 6:50. Mayor read the resolution 02162022-1. Burnikel motioned to approve the Resolution as read. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Burnikel, Kalstabakken and Levenson voted Aye, Cottrell voted Nay, with McNamara absent from vote. With majority vote as yes, it was believed that Max Levy was approved. \*\* Later it was found out that Super Majority is needed to pass Max Levy since it is over 2%. Super Majority is 4 affirmatives out of 5. Max Levy is not approved.\*\*

**A23 Status Update:** Nick Rissman did not come to this meeting, tho he had been in office earlier in the day to check the maps for water & sewer line locations with Tyler. He indicated the tentative start date of the project is July, and he didn't have a start location yet. Burnikel asked when does the County need an answer from the Council. As soon as possible, but with the July start date, Council may have a bit more time to get answers back from Bolton & Menk. Kalstabakken and Levenson both expressed that Jackson Street needs to be considered along with A23. Raising water & sewer rates was also mentioned and will be added to March agenda.


**Cameraing of Sewer Lines Proposal:** Visu-Sewer had talked with Tyler and Mayor earlier in the week. Tyler asked Visu-Sewer to propose the cost for just under 8,000 feet which included A23, Merrill Street with the bridge project and Jackson Street. The proposal will be presented at March meeting.

**Other:** Kalstabakken asked about a letter that had been sent out from the Spring Ahead Learning Center (SALC) to people regarding their conflict with the City's lease. Burnikel and the Mayor said that they had also heard that there is a letter. Cottrell admitted that he had not been over to check the SALC's financials. Cottrell said he felt that the City should be getting higher rent. Kalstabakken also expressed that the City should be getting higher rent, but they may not be able to pay more.

Levenson motioned to adjourn. Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 present voted Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
 Brian Johnson, Mayor

  
 Jane Tibbals, City Clerk