

Mayor Brian Johnson called the special meeting and Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on March 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: none

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

Visitor(s): Jill Tibbals, Nick Rissman (Howard County Engineer), Maggy Burger (Sperry Financial) Marcie Klomp (TPD), Brian Malm & Drew Weber (City Engineers from Bolton & Menk)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: McNamara motioned to approve Agenda. Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Agenda approved.

Open Forum: No Comments.

Public Hearing: Max Levy Resolution 03092022-1: McNamara motioned to close the special meeting and open the Public Hearing. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing opened at 6:33 pm. Mayor read the resolution. There was no discussion. McNamara motioned to close the public hearing and re-open special meeting. Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing closed and special meeting re-opened at 6:35. McNamara motioned to accept Resolution 03092022-1. Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Resolution 03092022-1 approved for maximum property tax dollars of \$ 181,529.

Resolution 03092022-2: Hiring of Deputy Clerk: McNamara motioned to hire Maxine Stockman as Deputy Clerk at hourly rate of \$ 11.00. Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Resolution 03092022-2 approved.

Bolton & Menk, Speer Financial & Howard County Engineer: Brian Malm and Drew Weber brought cost estimates of projects that Council had asked them to. They split the projects into 2 different years of 2022 and 2023. 2022 potential projects included Jackson Street & A23. 2023 potential projects included A21 (Merrill Street) and Merrill Street Bridge. Nick Rissman said that A23 project is calling for concrete paving with 7 inches of concrete which would qualify as a 10 ton road. A21's project is looking at asphalt now, but next year this may be different due to costs and availability of product. Maggie Burger & Brian Malm have been researching financing options. The City's debt ratio is probably too low to qualify for most grants, however there are low interest loans available, either revenue or general obligation types. Maggie mentioned they are also researching raising water and/or sewer rates. She presented what the potential of raising water by \$ 15 per household per month and sewer rates by \$ 16 per month per household would bring to the bottom line. The City may want to look at a combination charging a flat fee and raising usage fees. Maggie also said that paying off 1 or 2 loans early would help increase borrowing potential. Brian Malm asked Nick Rissman, when does the City have to let Howard County know about the A23 project. Nick Rissman said last he heard that A23 project is scheduled to start in July, but he won't know which end the project is going to start until June. Nick suggested that the City be ready to start paving by August, which means any water & sewer would have to be replaced before then. Brian Malm can get bids out for sewer & water replacement. Maggie also reminded that road, water & sewer are essential which means that even tho bonds and loans all require public hearings, the Council still makes the final decision on essential matters, which is 3 out of 5 Council making final decisions. McNamara motioned for the City to go ahead with Maggie's recommendations for 2022 projects as listed, using Bolton & Menk's assistance. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for 2022 projects which are the Jackson Street and A23 to come into City limits to Merrill Street corner, including replacing needed water & sewer infrastructure. Maggie answered the total listed of \$ 980,000 includes some of

the County's debt. Cottrell asked questions regarding the lagoon, which Brian Malm said that he would have to check with their wastewater expert, Katie Sterk and get back to Council.

Other: Council asked water & sewer rates to be added to March 22's agenda. Council asked that City Attorney be available for April regular meeting.

McNamara motioned to adjourn. Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Brian Johnson, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk