

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 22, 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): Marcie Klomp (TPD)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: McNamara motioned to approve Agenda. Burnikel 2nd. Burnikel, Cottrell, Levenson & McNamara voted yes. Kalstabakken not present to vote. Kalstabakken came to meeting at 7:10. Agenda approved.

Open Forum: No Comments.

Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Resolution 03222022-1: McNamara motioned to close the special meeting and open the Public Hearing. Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Public Hearing opened at 6:33 pm. There was no discussion. McNamara motioned to close the Public Hearing and re-open special meeting. Levenson 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Public Hearing closed and special meeting re-opened at 6:34. McNamara motioned to accept Resolution 03222022-1. Burnikel 2nd. All 4 Present voted Yes. Resolution 03222022-1 approved for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Utility Rates: Council reviewed current rates for Water & Sewer. Rates were last raised 7/1/2019. Current rate for water is a minimum charge of \$19.55 for first 1,000 gallons with \$ 3.47 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Current rate for sewer is a minimum charge of \$ 17.60 for first 1,000 gallons with \$ 6.85 for each additional 1,000 gallons. Council reviewed increasing the base rate as well as usage. Levenson motioned to increase both the minimum water & sewer rates by \$5.00 each and each usage rates by 5%. Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Rate increases approved with effective date July 1, 2022 which is the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Spring Ahead Learning Center Lease: Council asked if City's attorney had been scheduled for the City Council April meeting. Attorney's office had been contacted and said that he should be available to attend. Council discussed whether the differences could be worked out between the attorneys and not have them in attendance to the Council meeting. Mayor Johnson said that he would contact Jodie to see if this could be a possibility. Council did review again, that the only thing they are waiting for is the insurance clause to be settled, the rate and time limits of the lease had already been decided. Council's comment was that they would wait to see if the attorneys could come to an agreement and would abide by the attorneys' recommendations.

Other: Council Cottrell asked Tyler of his progress on obtaining his needed certifications. Tyler answered he had practice tests for the sewer certification and wanted to complete the sewer certification before he started on the water certification. Tyler does have the required one year experience. Tyler went on to say that he hoped to have done in next month. He compared the practice tests to driver license tests with multiple choice answers. Council Kalstabakken asked status regarding the derelict buildings. City is waiting on DNR grant results. If the City receives grant money, then they are to wait until after June 1, 2022 to incur any more expenses, otherwise asbestos company said they had to wait to come back when weather warms, so their equipment does not freeze. Asbestos is to be kept wet, so it does not become airborne, to safely remove it. Kalstabakken motioned to adjourn. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.