

Mayor Brian Johnson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on July 5, 2022 at 7 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: none

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

Visitor(s): Eddie Miller, Marcie Klomp (TPD), Sharla Lieder, Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk), Ed Hampe, Don Lyon, Joyce Lyon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda, Previous Month's Minutes, Approval of Bills, and Financial report: Jane noted the bills have MI Energy listed under Fuel, instead of Electricity, this will be corrected before published. Kalstabakken requested the previous minutes dated June 7 to be changed from Sharla's name to Brian Johnson's regarding who brought up conflict of interest regarding Holly Andersen under Park & Rec's Report. Kalstabakken motioned to approve the agenda, corrected previous month's minutes from June 7, 2022, bills and financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. The agenda, June 7 with correction minutes, bills and finance reports were approved.

Open Forum: no comments.

Library Report: Eddie Miller, Board Chair, reported Library's activities which included Summer Reading Program ended on June 30, with 55 children participating this year. Roller skating party had 70 participating. Patrons served in May included 203 from in town and 172 from country for a total of 375. Mayor announced Jeff Burnikel has been appointed as Library's Liaison. There is a scheduling conflict for the previous appointee of Michael Levenson.

Park & Rec Report: Sharla Lieder, Board Chair, reported 2 night swims are scheduled for July 8 & July 30 from 9 to 12. Sharla reported the requested credit card has been received. The Park & Rec is working on possible solutions for concessions during ballgames. Park & Rec decided at the beginning of the season, to serve all concessions out of the Pool's concession area. They felt it would be easier for cleaning and staffing to have the concessions in one area. There has been a concern expressed of children crossing the parking area. One possible solution would be close the road by the pool to traffic. Another complaint they heard about was the request of healthier snacks. They did add lunchables to their choices. Park & Rec has been looking at ways to further comply with Public Health guidelines to add more than prepacked foods. They are looking at how to add a 3 part sink to a sewer line, screening in the windows, and adding an additional hot water heater. There was a request for an incident report to be filled out regarding a 911 call being made from the Pool & Ballfield area.

Public Works Report: Tyler Smith, Public Works Director, approved sidewalk removals for JJ Miller and Lydia Harvey. Sidewalk removed and not replaced are exception to the ordinances and require Public Works approval. Lydia had also requested tree removals in the boulevard. Tyler contacted Tarzan and they bid \$ 950 to trim and \$ 2500 to remove. Tyler said that he would go with trimming, as these are good healthy trees. Brian asked Tyler to check Les Opat's trees. 2 loads, from Waukon, were used to fill potholes last week. Mehmert put new locate in, dated July 7, for removal of the buildings, as previous one expired. Tyler followed up with 2023 truck quote from H & S. Levenson motioned to approve the quote of \$ 42,800 and for Tyler to order it. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted yes. Motion approved for truck purchase. There is no arrival date available yet. Tyler reported prices are not available for snowplow attachment from Olsgaard yet. Mayor requested Tyler check who is responsible for mowing the grass in right of way out by Beef Plant. Tyler said that he found the City has a brush hog and Ed Hampe reported that it worked the last time he had need of it, tho it may need grease. Tyler reported the stop signs requested at the last meeting are on back order. Tyler answered that yes, he has been trapping cats and Jones Street may need additional rock.

Public Hearing - Awarding contract for 2022 Street & Utility work: Kalstabakken motioned to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing opened

at 7:28 pm. Drew Weber from Bolton & Menk reported the 2 bids received for the project. Both bids came over the previous engineer's estimates. After reaching out to the bidders for reasons why, the answer was rapid increases in materials, fuel and labor. The conclusion from Bolton & Menk is that the work is considered necessary and if it feasible for the City to afford, to go ahead with accepting the lowest bid. Drew did clarify that at these bidding thresholds, that the lowest bid would have to be awarded or no bid taken as the other Council choice. Lowest bid was from Skyline Construction at \$1,061,773.76. Mehmert Tiling's bid was \$ 1,099,097.75. Burnikel motioned to close the Public Hearing and re-open the regular meeting, Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing closed and regular meeting re-opened at 7:36. Mayor read Resolution 070502022-3, that awarded the 2022 contract to Skyline Construction. Burnikel motioned to approve the awarding for the 2022 contract to Skyline Construction. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved and contract awarded to Skyline Construction. Drew added that he had heard from County regarding the crushing to start middle of July in Chester with the crushers getting to Lime Springs in about 3 weeks after starting.

Public Hearing - Rate Changes for Water & Sewer Rates: Burnikel motioned to close regular meeting and Public Hearing. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted yes. Public Hearing opened at 7:40. Proposed minimum water and sewer to increase by \$ 5.00 and usage fees to increase by 5%. Burnikel motioned to close the Public Hearing and re-open the regular meeting, Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing closed and regular meeting re-opened at 7:42. Levenson motioned to approve the proposed rates with Resolution 07052022-1. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved and Minimum Water Rate to increase to \$ 24.55 with Minimum Sewer Rate to increase to \$ 22.60 and Water Usage rate to increase to \$ 3.64 per 1,000 gallons and Sewer Usage Rate to increase to \$ 7.19 per 1,000 gallons.

Garbage Services: Mayor reported that he had reached out for other garbage services. Shimek Sanitation from Spillville asked if they could present their services and prices at the July 19 meeting. The City's contract with Hawkeye Sanitation is due to be renewed, which opens up the opportunity to for Council to review other options.

Pet Ordinance & Enforcement: The City said that it would put a notice in the paper regarding cats running loose and no one claiming. Dr Lyon interjected that he charges \$ 20 for rabies vaccinations and after the first one, it is good for 3 years. Signed nuisance complaints can be filed with the City and letters can be sent for violations of Pet Ordinances.

Don Lyon's property: Lyon is asking if the City could help him with the swampy condition of part of his property. Lyon wondered if running a tile line would help. Levenson said that he had similar problem in his yard. Levenson will get the contact information to Lyon.

Ordinance Changes: Jane had been reviewing Ordinances regarding Sidewalks and found some timelines that may be a bit restrictive, regarding timelines. Also reviewing the Ordinances that do not have any penalties or fees involved. The City Attorney had previously advised on the City Pet Ordinance, that there is no penalties involved, which means that people have ignored them, since nothing can be done anyway if they do not comply. Jane will bring some other cities examples to the next meeting.

Review of Employee Handbook: A few areas for review, one is current handbook states to select a review board of 3 Council members, this would constitute a quorum and maybe this should be changed to 2 members instead. Physicals every 2 years, clarify if this means DOT for CDL or general. Clarification of who is covered for Employee Handbook, book states all. Clarification could include

full time, part time, pool, council. Overtime and Comp time is this paid and comp'd at time and half instead of straight hour for hour, clarification needed. Core hours listed for Public Works, but not City Clerk. Holiday pay, currently handbook has it at 6 hours paid, Council is requested change to 8 hours when book is updated. Termination reasons listed are 39 items, some of them are duplicates, just worded differently. Jane will bring other cities examples to next meeting.

Sweet Corn Days Street Closures: Burnikel motioned to approve Street Closures as needed. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved for Street Closures as needed for Sweet Corn Days.

Sweet Corn Days Liquor License: Levenson motion to approve liquor license for Sweet Corn Days. Burnikel 2nd. Burnikel, Levenson, Kalstabakken and Bielefeld voted Yes. Cottrell voted No. Motion approved for Liquor License for Sweet Corn Days.

Sweet Corn Days Other: Cottrell asked why the City pays for the extra patrol during Sweet Corn Days. He commented that maybe the Beer Tent or some other entity should pay the fees. The City has not heard from Sheriff if there is extra patrol available and at what rate.

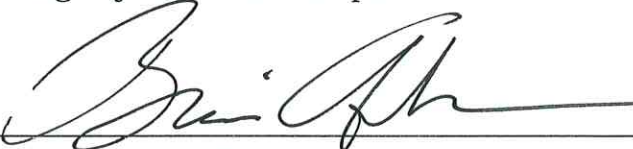
Year End Transfers: Resolution 07052022-2. Discussion followed where to move money from to take care of the negative balance in the general operating fund. The Balance Sheet was reviewed as of June 30. Tyler asked if the money in the Landfill/Garbage could be used to buy a dump trailer. Local Option Sales Tax Fund is to be used to tear down the derelict buildings. Capital Projects Funds can be used for rock for streets. Tyler asked if the Landfill/Garbage funds could pay for fencing the City property back of Wanda Knutson's, to deter folks from dumping back there. Kalstabakken motioned to transfer \$ 124.37 from School Fund to General Operating Fund, \$ 20,000.00 from LOST to General Operating Fund, and \$ 10,000.00 from Landfill/Garbage Fund. Burnikel 2nd. All voted Yes. Motion approved for yearend transfers.

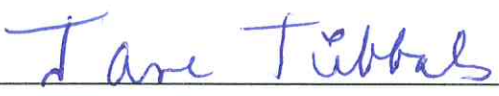
Special meeting set for July 19 at 6:30 pm. This meeting may be used to change the financials because of the higher bids. The City must also schedule a Public Hearing on Wednesday August 3, this meeting cannot be changed to another date, to keep other timelines.

Other: Kalstabakken asked if the City can do anything about racoons that are seen coming in and out of uninhabited properties. City will inform property owner. Cottrell commented that there is not enough time to review paperwork and take care of business of this town during one meeting a month and asked if anyone else would consider an extra work session each month. Levenson asked if there should be something added to ordinances to prohibit someone from living in a camper in city. Mayor mentioned up to \$ 15,000 that may be available from Howard County Board of Supervisors for Community Betterment. A few ideas were mentioned. Cottrell mentioned about a City shop to be built on the current basketball court at School Park and to access that lot, would need to buy the lot in front of it, other Council members expressed that ground would need more than the 4 inches of existing concrete as well as commented about what may be buried in other lots.

Levenson motioned to adjourn. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.


 Brian Johnson, Mayor


 Jane Tibbals, City Clerk