

Mayor Brian Johnson called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on July 19, 2022 at 6:30 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):** Marcie Klomp (TPD), Ross Merritt (Hawkeye Sanitation), Julian Merritt, Lucas Merritt, Stanley Shimek (Shimek Sanitation), James Shimek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Kalstabakken motioned to approve the agenda, Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. The agenda was approved.

**Open Forum:** no comments.

**Garbage Vendors:** Shimek Sanitation and Hawkeye Sanitation were both invited to come to City Council to answer questions in order to compare their services. Council asked questions regarding extra charges, bag limit, and what is taken for recycling and non-recycling. Hawkeye said there would be no changes with the County contract that takes care of rural service. Hawkeye may have a smaller 35 gallon tote size available, with the monthly charge being the same as larger tote, just making it easier for some people to handle. Hawkeye mentioned they currently have the service, for those not able to get their garbage to the curb, to call them for additional help with getting it from their garage to curb. Shimek's pricing is \$ 21.00 per month and Hawkeye's is \$ 24.95 per month. Hawkeye reminded Council that the contract is automatically renewed unless notified 30 days prior to expiration date. Current contract will stay in effect with the annual 2% increase, until Council decides to change it with going to the tote system. Then the new pricing for the totes will not go into effect until totes are distributed to all.

**Resolution 07192022-1:** Mayor read Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$ 200,000. Burnikel motioned to approve the resolution and to set date and time as August 3, 2022 at 7 pm for Public Hearing. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved with Public Hearing at 7 pm August 3.

**Resolution 07192022-2:** Mayor read Resolution setting date for sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2022 and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith. Burnikel motioned to approve the resolution and set date and time as August 3, 2022 at 7:10 pm. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved with setting date for sale as 7:10 pm August 3.

**Setting August Meeting Date:** City Council meetings are normally first Tuesday of the month, however due to timing of Public Hearing has to be August 3, the topic came up whether to combine the 2 meetings and move all Council business to August 3 or to have 2 separate meetings. Burnikel motioned to move all Council business to the Public Hearing Date of August 3, 2022 and to start the regular meeting at 6:30 pm in order to allow sufficient time for the Public Hearing. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved with Regular August meeting to be moved to Wednesday, August 3 and to start it at 6:30 pm.

**Preliminary Official Statement as prepared by Speer Financial:** Kalstabakken asked if there was any questions regarding the POS, and which funds could be used to pay these new City loans. Council discussed that the water loan has to be paid by Water Revenue and the GO loan can be paid

out of Sewer Revenue and Road Funds. These new loans are one of the main reasons why there were rate increases in both water and sewer.

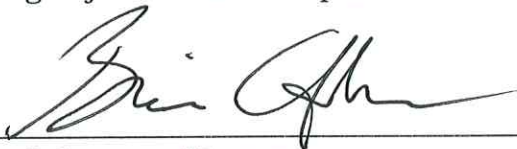
**Employee Handbook Changes:** Current City Employees Handbook needs clarification and correction in a few areas. Jane brought examples from cities' employee handbooks. Change grievance process from 3 to 2 Council plus Mayor as 3 members of Council is a quorum. Who to cover clarified by all with exceptions of elected officials, board members, appointed to serve without compensation, and on contractual basis. Adding Mayor as supervisor. Add employee will not be scheduled to work until all payroll paperwork is completed and turned in. Added it will be at employee's discretion to be paid in future time off or dollars when over 40 hours worked in a week. The extra hours will be at the rate of 1 ½ times the normal rate. Clarifying temporary employees are not paid overtime. Call out time is clarified with 1 hour minimum being paid. Medical reimbursement clarified. Additions pertaining to broken or defective equipment. There may be items that only pertain to certain departments, and these will be noted in the book.

**Ordinance Changes:** Building Permit Ordinance needs to be re-written to clarify the fees. Sheriff Beckman had previously suggested adding fees and penalties to the ordinances. Question of whether to fine the renter or the owner of the property was discussed. Suggestion was to add \$ 100 for first offense and each repeat offense \$ 200 for in general. Discussion followed with fines to renters or owners questioned. These questions may need to be asked of City Attorney or Sheriff. Question of whether there is a confidentiality issue of landlord versus renters. Examples can be brought to next meeting. Higher deposit for renters was also discussed. Code enforcement was also discussed. Jane found examples of City ordinances that stated their code enforcers are Mayors, all Council persons, City clerks or other personnel. Mayor stated that anyone on City Council may bring it to the attention of any resident of their code violations. Adding to the Animal ordinance under vicious dog defining as well as adding a fine to it of \$ 500, if not removed from the City with time frames listed.

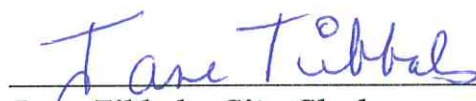
**Other:** Derelict building update, still waiting for Mehmert, most recent date is first week of August. Truck route was discussed, with trucks continuing to run on Jackson Street. Tyler will check with Nick Rissman to see what options are available for posting. Cottrell volunteered to contact Reicks dispatch to see if they can re-route their trucks. Flags, signage and blinking lights on signs were mentioned as options. Tyler's certifications were discussed. He did not pass his first Sewer Test, but is using a couple of different study methods, before he tests again. He is scheduled for a 6 hour water class, taught thru Iowa Rural Water, August 26 in Manchester. IRW's classes and seminars are free. Crosswalk painting was brought up. Tyler will be installing the new volleyball poles, that just came in. Pool's black algae was discussed. City shop location was discussed. Mayor stated that he had received a call regarding swimming lessons and Council Levenson stated he was also questioned when he attended to watch his own kids. Camera installation was mentioned as possible option. Council stated that Pool is City property and grounds are public property, so parents can't be excluded from watching lessons.

Levenson motioned to adjourn. Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.



**Brian Johnson, Mayor**



**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**