

Mayor Brian Johnson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on September 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent:, Mary Bielefeld

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

Visitor(s): Scott Osmundson, Jill Tibbals, Marcie Klomp (TPD), Ed Hampe, Eddie Miller, Sharla Lieder, Mark Tieskotter, Diane Tieskotter, Laney Frazer, Bob Frazer, Holly Andersen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda, Previous Month's Minutes, Approval of Bills, and Financial report: Burnikel motioned to approve the agenda, previous month's minutes, bills and financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 4 present voted yes. The Agenda, August 3rd and August 16th minutes, bills and financial reports were approved.

Open Forum: No comments.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson reported one call last month, which was mutual aid in Cresco, everyone came home safe. He presented new application for Josh Praska as fireman, who is certified as Fire Fighter 1. Burnikel motioned to accept the new application. Kalstabakken 2nd. All 4 present voted yes. Application approved for Josh Praska.

Library Report: Eddie Miller, Board Chair, reported Library's activities which includes Daycare Outreach Program starting up September 6. Librarian Janet DeVries visits the daycares and Learning Center twice a month. Library is hosting a Halloween Magic Show at Community Center, October 16th. Book discussion will meet September 13. A special movie for K-6th grade on September 19 at 2:30. Bingo planned for September 17th. Patrons served in July included 196 from town & 106 from country for a total of 302.

Park & Rec Report: Sharla Lieder, Board Chair, reported they had 2 new volunteer applications, Christina Gibbs and Bob Frazer. To improve communication, Park & Rec plan to send a rep to the Community Club meetings. Their board has been looking at different needs at the pool, including possible leak sources. Tyler reported losses of 6,000 to 10,000 gallons a day. American Waterworks said they could repair deck cracks, but not the pool cracks. One of the options presented was a pool liner. There was a bid of \$ 68,000 received to sandblast and paint the pool, but the board felt that was a bit high. They do have a grant of \$ 2,000 to spend for paint. The board is also looking at landscaping at Brown's Park by adding trees and shrubs from the Treehouse. A community member has volunteered paint and their time to paint Pickleball court on the tennis court. September 9th is scheduled as the last day to keep the bathrooms unlocked at Brown's Park. Sweet Corn Days uptown's stand, they didn't make a profit, but did at the ballfield's. Sharla asked for clarification of Tyler's time at the pool. Tyler answered that he checks the pool at least 4 times a day for testing, adding chemicals and water which normally averages 8 to 10 hours a week. The board is asking Jane for hours to be broken down for Jerry, Mitch and Tyler monthly. Minutes will be emailed to Jane, after they have been approved, which should keep them up to date. Sharla handed 2 employee disciplinary action reports to Mayor for his and Council review. Kalstabakken motioned to approve the 2 volunteer applications with Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Christina Gibbs and Bob Frazer approved for Park & Rec volunteers. Mayor asked if anyone had talked with Steve Timmerman as Steve worked on the pool before. Jane mentioned there is a place in LeRoy that cameras and looks for leaks, they may want to contact them. Cottrell asked what the threshold is for any entity before they need to come before Council for approval. Discussion followed that as long as their total budgets allow the expenses, the boards should be able to spend the money. However, for larger projects, the items should be brought to Council's attention.

Public Works Report: Tyler Smith, Public Works Director, approved Mark Tibbals' building permit for adding a cement approach to garage. Tyler ordered speed limit and no parking signs to put up at Casey's to control traffic flow. He is going to contact County regarding paint striping out there to prevent trucks parking in the roadways. Tyler contacted Mehmerts to add a stack tile inlet at the sewer lagoon to deter the beavers. Mehmerts quoted between \$ 1,000 to \$ 2,000 to help fix this

problem. Tyler has been working on Lead & Copper sampling, which is due at end of the month. 10 samples are collected and sent in every 3 years to DNR. Water main break on Willard Street found an old, galvanized lead pipe, which meant that it had to be replaced with new since new law states if uncovered has to be replaced, located at Sindelar residence. Tarzan Tree Service trimmed trees in town. Tyler presented prices from Olsgard Auto for V-Plow at \$ 8500, Wing Plow for \$ 9300 and \$ 9700, depending on size and include installation. Delivery date from H & S, is not available for truck ordered. Tyler presented prices for 14 foot dump trailers, Campsite is at \$ 11,900 and \$ 11,495 from Riceville. He priced a used 8 foot tractor blade at \$ 1800, new ones are \$ 7500. Levenson motioned for City to buy the \$ 1800 blade, using the local option sales tax money, with Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Motion approved for \$ 1800 blade from Bodensteiner Implement. Other equipment will be tabled. A letter will be sent regarding a porch, which may have been added without a building permit. Cottrell asked Tyler to paint the crosswalks with the paint that had come in.

Ordinance Changes: Updated Dog & Cat Ordinance was presented with previously requested changes adding City fines. Council agreed with sending the wording to City Attorney, for approval to help make it enforceable. Question was brought up whether water could be shut off, if not paid. That question will also be sent to City Attorney.

Resolution 09062022-1: Written copies of the resolution was available for everyone's review. Mayor read Maggie Burger's email regarding the Resolution, as she was not available to come to the meeting. Cottrell motioned to adopt the resolution with Burnikel 2nd. All 4 presented voted Yes. Motion approved for Water Revenue Bond of \$ 750,000.

Willard Street City Property: A few people have expressed interest in buying the City land where the buildings were recently torn down. Council will ask Jason Passmore to attend a future Council meeting to talk about options. Cottrell asked for total breakdown of the costs associated with this process for future. Jane will assemble and send out.

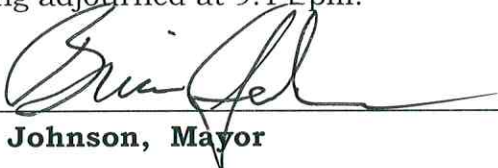
Beef Plant Water Metering needs: Upper Iowa Beef has requested for the capability of reading their water usage numerous times a day. Quote for the Beacon software is \$ 6,100 with \$ 177 per endpoint. The City's current software is not supported, so we need to upgrade in the near future anyway. There is a shortage of endpoints for any water meters. Council suggested approaching the beef plant to see if they would pay a portion, maybe half. Mayor will contact. Levenson motioned to order the software, Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Motion approved for software to be ordered.

Bouska Trust Grants: Grant information was presented to encourage improved energy efficiency. Amy Bouska had sent over a few examples and additional information.

Other: Burnikel presented propane contract price of \$ 1.79/gallon. Last year City booked 2,500 gallons with a price of \$ 1.45/gallon. City used 3,200 gallons; he recommended City contract 3,000 gallons. Levenson motioned to contract 3,000 gallons at \$ 1.79. Cottrell 2nd. Levenson, Kalstabakken and Cottrell voted Yes with Burnikel abstaining. Motion approved for propane to be contracted for 3,000 gallons at \$ 1.79/gallon rate. Council was asked the results of the "No Heavy Truck signage." Cottrell and Mayor commented there seemed to be fewer trucks in those areas, so it seems to have helped some. There are street repairs still needed where water mains have been dug up. Tyler said that he can put concrete where needed, after settling, he will check the sites out. Possible building sites for City shop was discussed. Employee performance reviews will be handed out in October for November's meeting.

Burnikel motioned to adjourn. Levenson 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.



Brian Johnson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk