

Mayor Brian Johnson called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on November 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

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

Member(s) absent: none

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

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Jill Tibbals, Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the Agenda, Levenson 2nd. All 5 present voted yes. The Agenda was approved.

Open Forum: No comments.

Jackson Street & Lincoln Street Update: Drew Weber, Bolton & Menk engineer presented the updates on the 2022 City Projects. His answer back to the question if Jackson Street would be paved yet this season, was no when anyone asks. He didn't recommend cement paving after frost has been on the ground. Jackson Street will be the first project to be paved next Spring. More rock will be put on Jackson, especially paying attention around the driveways. Currently the grade is down 7 inches lower. The question regarding "holding water", as seasonal rain and ice, was answered that there was good sub draining added in that area to combat that problem. Drew has a walk thru scheduled for this next Tuesday, November 29, with the contractor to look at the areas. The barricades and signage will be removed after the walk-thru. Any questions or concerns, Drew wants to know and the residents in that area, have his phone number to contact him. There is a Winter work period, with the State DOT, from November 15 thru April 1, that work is normally not expected to continue. Jackson Street Project's completion date was originally April 1, 2023. Drew will talk with Skyline Tuesday on what would be fair for this date to be extended due to weather conditions. Lincoln Street's barricades are expected to come down this weekend, to re-open the road to all traffic. Paint striping is in the area, probably will just paint the center line due to the cold and come back in the Spring to paint the side lines and retouch up the center line. Franklin Street, where it crosses Lincoln, may need more attention in the Spring.

Merrill Street & Bridge Project: The original date for Merrill Street Bridge project was Summer/Fall of 2023 to align with the County project for A21. Howard County has moved their project back a year to 2024. One of the advantages of moving the City's project to align with the County's date is to allow more time for funding, as well as saving costs by working with the County's schedule. Drew presented the plans for A21, with the County coming to Center Street, then skipping the 100 block of E Merrill Street, picking up at East Street Corner, then continuing thru the Bridge, then coming back on East Street crossing S Miller and ending at East Main. East Street is included because of the need to lower the sewer for the bridge. Drew will be meeting with Maggie Burger, from Speer Financial, for feasibility to include the 100 block of E Merrill Street. The County's plan is to pave with blacktop, but costs in 2024, may change paving to cement. If the core samples reflect concrete, this may also change blacktop to concrete. Question of Miller Street was asked if it could also be included in project, Drew said that costs could be projected and City can always scale back when the time comes. Drew presented 2 sources of funding. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) requires a Wastewater Treatment Facility Plan. LS's most recent plan is from November 2020, which may need updating prior to applying for the CWSRF. Drew has a call into DNR to see if they will waive the update. CWSRF will fund sewer pipe replacing as well as paving. The second funding source was Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), which funds the water pipes and paving above. It has been determined that 37% of current LS System is 4 inch cast iron pipe, which can be very brittle, causing many breaks. These 2 projects will upgrade the Lime Springs system a great deal and will save money and time thru less future breaks. The plan is to apply for both funds by December 1, unless DNR needs the Plan updated. If DNR does require an updated Wastewater Treatment Facility

Plan, then the applications' goal will be March 1, 2023. The March date will not impede the 2024 plan. These 2 applications will need to be signed thru DocuSign by Mayor before submitting.

Water Tower: Cottrell asked if Drew had found out anything regarding the water tower. Drew responded that he had spoken with their firm's coding specialist that only works with water towers. The coding specialist recommended frequent inspections, but not cleaning. Cleaning should only be done when there is a heavy amount of sediment found. Cleaning requires the water tower to be drained in order to remove sand and sediment, where inspections do not. Drew also spoke with Casey Sebastian, previous Lime Springs Public Works Director, to ask him when last cleaned and amount of sediment found. Casey responded that less than half a 5 gallon bucket, which is considered not very much, so should not require frequent cleaning. Casey also remembered last cleaning was in 2019.

Resolution 11222022-1 – Pay Raises for Tyler Smith and Jane Tibbals: Burnikel motioned to approve the raise from \$ 18 to \$ 19 hour for Public Works Director Tyler Smith and from \$ 15 to \$ 17 an hour for City Clerk Jane Tibbals. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes to approve pay raises with effective date December 1, 2022.

Other: Mayor has not talked with Dan Murphy directly yet regarding volunteering for snow removal.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm



Brian Johnson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk