

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

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

Member(s) absent: Richard Cottrell

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

Visitor(s): Marcie Klomp (TPD), Ed Hampe, Jill Tibbals, Sharla Lieder, Laney Frazer, Eddie Miller, Scott Osmundson, Sarah Osmundson, Bob Frazer

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, November 1 & November 22 minutes, bills and financial reports were approved.

Open Forum: No comments.

Fire Department Report: Scott Osmundson, Fire Chief, reported Lime Springs responded to 1 mutual aid house fire with Cresco and was called back enroute. Trucks were moved out of the Fire Station for Christmas in LS, December 4. No Parking in the back was very much appreciated for the event. Fire Dept received a donation from CUSB Bank for the generator that is on order.

Library Report: Eddie Miller, Board Chair, reported Library's Annual Silent Auction for November ended with 180 items and 29 bidders. Library listed Library Officers for Year 2023 as Eddie Miller President; Laney Frazer Vice President; and Holly Andersen Secretary. The Wishing Tree is located in the Library, for those to wish to donate to help support the Library. Upcoming December activities include Cake Decorating due on the 9th; Bingo on the 17th; Christmas Story time and activities on the 9th. The Library participated in Xmas in LS on December 4. Book Discussion & Movie "Dashing thru the Snow" scheduled for December 13. Patrons served in October included 188 from town and 222 from country for a total of 410.

Park & Rec Report: Sharla Lieder, Board Chair, reported Park & Pool Board hosted the Festival of Trees and received lots of positive feedback and hope to do it again. They participated in Xmas in Lime Springs, great way for advertising. They received estimates from the pool's in-take lines being videoed. Have not had a chance to review the estimates and footage. Presented in 2 phases of \$ 71K and \$ 41K. The estimates include lining the pipes. They understood that the lining would last 30-50 years. Lining under the deck, so not to disturb the concrete, but maybe using the less expensive of replacing instead of lining all of the intakes. The diving board needs attention as the bracket welds appear to be unstable. Discussion followed with ideas of Steel Shop to see if they could assist with rebuilding the bracket out of aluminum or another non-corrosive metal. Laney reported they have received a bit over \$ 10,000 from their recent letter campaign which shows great support from the community. The diving board will have to be addressed before it can open. Question was asked about a sunken area outside of the pool fence on the east side. Tyler reported that Casey Sebastian, previous City PW Director, said that this is due to ground settling where there was a water pipe section replaced. The ground may continue to settle, but there should not be any leaking in that area. Laney had priced cement at \$ 156 a square yard for 5 inches thick, not counting labor. Current Pool deck is approximately 5 inches deep. Ed Hampe commented that the pipes outside are not buried that deep, so it would be easy to dig up to replace them.

Public Works Report: Tyler Smith, Public Works Director, reported a few snow showers required cleaning up after. Serviced all of the vehicles during the slower times. Tarzan came in and looked over the trees and will put them on his list, probably can't get back in town until after end of year. Tyler reported the Lift Station by Casey's malfunctioned due to recent MI Energy outage. Tyler met with electrician Dave Sobolik, and they replaced 2 floats and discovered the 2 pumps were no longer cycling off and on due to relay switch not working. This was discovered Friday December 2. Without the relay switch the pumps have to be manually tripped, which when high sewer demands can mean someone flipping that switch every 45 minutes to an hour. Over the weekend when the beef plant was closed and only Casey's was open, Tyler only had to switch every 3 hours. Tyler was able to order the

replacement on Friday, but it was not shipped until Monday and came after 4 pm Tuesday. Good news, is that with Casey Sebastian coming Tuesday, was able to finally change the alarm codes from going to Casey and Ed's phones to ring to Tyler's first, then Mitch's and then City Hall phone. With the part now here, Dave is scheduled to come Wednesday at 3 pm to help replace. Tyler and Dave found grease as well as a lot of ear plugs, face masks, along with other items that should not be flushed down a toilet or drain coming thru the station. Tyler used 5 gallons of liquid degreaser to help combat the grease and then called Milford Loewen for his experience with septic cleaning. Milford said his contract with Casey's was canceled because corporate office felt that twice a year grease clean out was unnecessary. Milford didn't know if this compounded the lift station problems. Tyler said that the electrical problems don't have anything to do with the grease but made him more aware of what is being pumped thru there. Casey Sebastian, Iowa Rural Water rep, thought the wording of LS City Ordinances was adequate to enforce compliance for the users of the sewer systems. Tyler asked if letters could be sent to both users of the lift station, to make them aware of the findings. New pumps are priced at \$ 15,000. The City cleaned and rebuilt a similar pump May 2022 for the sewer plant and cost was \$ 5,000. Milford is scheduled to come Thursday to clean out lift station with his septic equipment. The degreaser acts as a binder for grease, which created grease balls bigger than footballs. Anything bigger than a 4 inch hose will have to be bailed out. Iowa Rural Water will take samples of the sewage to isolate which user is in violation after Milford has cleaned out. Tyler presented Council 2 quotes for a pusher box to add to the tractor bucket. 8 foot steel one priced at \$ 2,700 and a 9 foot metal and rubber one priced at \$ 1,250 plus \$ 800 for attachment. This would be helpful for snow removal on Main Street and parking lots. The plow dump truck needs the box repaired as when Tyler went to get sand/salt it poured thru a hole, which he was able to temporarily plug with three pop bottles, to get the sand to LS. Council asked if Steel Shop could repair the box.

Ordinances: Jane presented the changes to dog & cat ordinance to include fines of \$ 25 for failure to annually register with up to date vaccinations and at large, with a \$ 500 fine for failure to remove vicious dog from City limits. Kalstabakken motioned for public hearing to be set for January 3, to have the first reading. Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Public Hearing set for January 3, 2023 for proposed changes to Animal Control & License Ordinance.

Next ordinance to be presented was to change the time for regular Council meetings from 7 pm to 6 pm as previously discussed. Discussion followed with a few Council concerned that they may not be able to consistently be on time for a 6 pm time, and asked it be changed to 6:30 pm. Other changes to City Council Ordinance included deleting extra verbiage and matching Iowa State Code. Kalstabakken motioned for public hearing to be set for January 3, for the meeting time change to 6:30 pm and other changes as proposed. Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Public Hearing set for January 3, 2023 for proposed changes to City Council Ordinance.

Last ordinance change is mandatory garbage charge to be added for residential properties.

Kalstabakken motioned to set the public hearing for January 3, to have the first reading for Utilities-Billing Charges Ordinance. Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. Public Hearing set for January 3, 2023 for proposed changes to Utility-Billing Charges Ordinance.

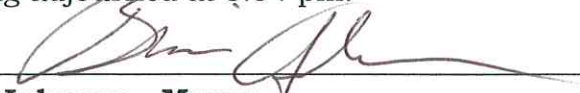
Budget: Council set December 14 at 6 pm as budget workshop/meeting.

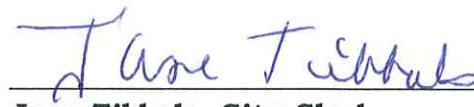
Property Tax Income Splits for Entities: Council was given the income splits for previous years of 2023, 2022 and 2021. Council asked each other what the priorities for each of the entities as well as for the City will be. After a lengthy discussion, the property tax splits is tabled until the Budget work meeting. Jane will prepare detailed financials for each entity as well as for other City areas.

Liquor License: Kalstabakken motioned to approve Liquor License for LS Tap with Burnikel 2nd. All 4 present approved. Liquor License application approved for BBS Properties LLC dba LS Tap.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.


 Brian Johnson, Mayor


 Jane Tibbals, City Clerk