

Mayor Brian Johnson called the special workshop meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on December 14, 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):** Eddie Miller, Maxine Stockman, Scott Osmundson, Mark Tieskotter, Diane Tieskotter, Laney Frazer, Bob Frazer, Janet DeVries, Jarry Hughes, Don Lyon, Sharla Lieder

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Burnikel motioned to approve the Agenda, Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Agenda Approved.

**Open Forum:** No comments.

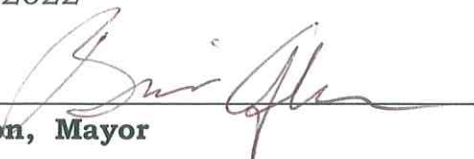
**Business – Budget FY2024:** Brian opened the discussion asking Council if the Property Tax sharing with the entities of the Fire Dept, Park Dept, Pool Dept, Community Center and Library, should be percentages or flat dollar amounts. Flat dollar amount was the comeback. Bielefeld requested the Property Insurance numbers paid last year. Fire Dept's was \$ 4,545 and rest was \$18,749 for a total of \$ 23,294. Jane shared that last few years an additional amount was levied for taxpayers to pay the property insurance of \$25,000. Jane clarified that the tax levy effects just City residents. Last year the tax levy also included \$12,500 to pay for City share of IPERS and social security. The entities do not pay the employer share for IPERS or social security, this is all paid from the general fund. Jane reported last year's City share was \$9,860 for IPERS and \$10,502 for a total of \$20,362.

Laney Frazer reported she had costs from H & M for relining and replacing some of the leaking pipes at the pool. Council is asking her to come with more estimates. Cottrell asked if the pool is worth keeping, due to repair costs. He cited money needed for sewer, water tower, lagoon and streets, can the City afford to keep the pool? Mayor, Burnikel and Levenson stated that many in town as well as outside of town use the City pool. Burnikel went on to say that the Library and the Pool serve two different functions. Levenson gave an option of more funds in general fund for one year and re-evaluate at the end of the year, in order to help fix the streets. Cottrell asked why the Fire Dept had \$166,000 in their account? Fire Chief Osmundson answered that they budgeted \$104,000 to help buy a truck and he went on to say that the Fire Dept fundraises for all of their funds, to buy trucks and equipment. The generator was totally funded by generous donations from the bank and others. Their current truck, to replace is over 20 years old. Levenson mentioned that last year's City share of \$ 10,000 to the Fire dept, doesn't even pay for 2 sets of turn out gear. Cottrell asked then why all this discussion and to just leave the budget the same as last year. Mayor confirmed that the library also receives County and State Funds, where the other entities have to fundraise the majority of income.

Jane provided Council with income & expenses for City Departments of Sewer, Water, Roads and General Fund and then went on to say that Tyler & she had been compiling a list of City wants, and upcoming needs, not all for this year. Generator for the water tower, Tyler went on to say that current generator is powered from the tractor and is not considered a consistent power, according to well house electrician. Building/garage to house equipment. The current shop area is not big enough to store what we have. Mayor brought up the lift station to be put under cover to keep it out of the wind. Tyler said that this would help protect the electrical panel. A generator for the lift station would also be nice. Painting the water tower was also mentioned. Iowa Rural Water suggested a commercial dehumidifier for the well house this Summer, to help with condensation. Levenson mentioned lighting back of the Fire Station as well as front of the building is needed. Council then went thru each line item of the previous year's budget for expenses and income.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

  
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**Brian Johnson, Mayor**

  
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**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**