

Mayor Brian Johnson called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on January 13, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

Member(s) present: Michael Levenson, Richard Cottrell

Member called in: Jennifer Kalstabakken called in to join at 1:18 pm and signed off at 1:35

Member(s) absent: Jeff Burnikel, Mary Bielefeld

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

Visitor(s): Casey Sebastian (IRWA), Katie Sterk & Brian Malm (Bolton & Menk City Engineers)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Levenson motioned to approve the agenda with Cottrell 2nd. The 2 voted to approve Agenda with Kalstabakken, Burnikel & Bielefeld not present to vote. Agenda approved.

New Business of Upper Iowa Beef expansion and possible impacts on City's resources. City asked City Engineers at Bolton & Menk to explain to Council, what the City's next steps may be to answer to the previous Council meeting where Jason Passmore presented Upper Iowa Beef's potential plans to expand in next 3 years and how this may impact the City Water & Lagoon needs. Katie Sterk mentioned that UIB also uses the firm Bolton & Menk, and their representative is Greg Sindt. Greg Sindt works out of another branch of Bolton & Menk and even tho same firm, clients are served separately. Sindt has shared some of the UIB's plans with Katie Sterk & Brian Malm. Katie understood some of their expansion needs are in response to potential violations on their wastewater elimination and/or storage. Katie Sterk reported next step is the City's compliance plan that is due end of March. Then communication between UIB and City to see if this is something that they want to work together on, then next step would be to complete an updated facility plan. Ed Greiman has scheduled a tour for Council, Bolton & Menk engineers, City employees, and Casey Sebastian thru Jason Passmore, this is scheduled for January 27 at 1 pm. Cottrell asked Katie Sterk asked what can be done to get Tyler from going onto the ice due to frozen aerators. After Katie Sterk asked the affluent BOD ammonia numbers then her suggestion is that with these numbers at this time of year, turn the breakers off and ignore the frozen aerators and wait until Spring. This way Tyler does not have to go out onto the ice and for all to stop worrying about it. Jason Passmore had previously indicated to Katie Sterk that UIB's immediate plans are to spend 3 million for wastewater and then up to 17 million in next 3 years for wastewater project. Katie Sterk suggested that after the tour, the City get together and go over any additional questions/comments and then plan a Council meeting for just this topic. Cottrell then asked Brian Malm about Miller Street and suggested grinding up current surface and putting that back down again. This would reflect to the town folks, that City is moving forward. Levenson asked when does it come to a point with the City having too many irons in the fire to be effective? Brian Malm said that is part of their job, to work with Council and with financial advisors to help with those decisions. Levenson asked if the next street project should be postponed? And Brian Malm answered that the funding is already set up tho some of that project has moved to 2024. The County is going to do the bridge regardless, so makes sense to continue with Merrill Street Bridge project. Katie Sterk said first is to do the evaluations for both water and wastewater and then would have better direction of needs. Also, that waterflow north of Jackson Street has always been lower fire flow. Levenson also stated that checking fire hydrants are on the Firemen's agenda.

Levenson motioned to adjourn. Cottrell 2nd. 2 voted Yes with 3 absent from vote. Meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.



Brian Johnson, Mayor



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk