

Mayor Brian Johnson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on February 7, 2023 at 6:30 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, Scott Osmundson, Jason Passmore, Sharla Lieder, Eddie Miller, Ed Hampe

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 present voted yes. The Agenda, January 3 & 13 minutes, bills and financial reports were approved.

**Open Forum:** none.

**Fire Department Report:** Scott Osmundson, Fire Chief, reported 2 House Fires in Lime Springs and 1 Mutual Aid outside of City for January. The annual Fireman's Dance was held at the new LS Tap. The Fire Dept was very happy, and everyone had a great time. When questioned regarding the house fires for causes, his answer was electrical for one and a corn stove chimney for the 2<sup>nd</sup> one. Cottrell asked if there were any other problems and Scott replied that only 5 guys initially before Chester & Cresco showed up. He confirmed there were no problems with shortage of hose nor water pressure.

**Library:** Eddie Miller, Board Chair, reported upcoming events of Trustee Training on February 28, Snowman contest, Lego program, Game night, Book discussion, Story hour, Bingo, Special movie, AA Step program. Library applied for grants thru HCCF and St Paul's program. Patrons served for November was 159 Town & 199 Country. Patrons served for December was 160 Town & 153 Country. The Library hired Pam Siegenthaler as library aide. Eddie reported the Library is starting their Phase 2 building project this next month. Council Burnikel, Library liaison reported contractor gave estimate of \$ 59,878 to finish it with final cost 10 to 15% higher, depending on choice of cupboards. Eddie continued that he authorized up to \$ 50,000 and then asked the contractor to let him know how much more was left to complete. Burnikel also asked City Clerk to see if there could be a breakdown of electrical/propane to be split instead of lump sum on the financials. City Clerk already provides a copy of each individual utility bill to the Library monthly. City Clerk will clarify with Library Director.

**Park & Rec Report:** Sharla Lieder, Board Chair, reported their board has been asked to create Emergency Planning Procedures as relating to potential tornado warning and fire for the Pool. They wondered if the Fire Dept would be able to help them with this. They contacted St Paul Lutheran Church, as possibility of getting a key for their basement. They feel the City Emergency Shelter is too far away and there may be liability involved with providing transportation. They do have a fire extinguisher on premise, and she will check smoke detector status. Fire Chief did agree that the Pool needs to have another exit besides thru the concession/bathroom area. There is already a gate in the fence on the far side, but it is locked. Discussion followed on where to keep keys and maybe put them either in the guards' fanny packs or hang them on the guard chairs. Sharla reported they are thinking they may also need contact information for the punch passes as well as the season ticketholders. Also trying to figure out if need emergency information on all pool patrons. Pool painting, problems trying to find a professional to apply. Sharla reported they planned to have concessions for both pool and softball games. Ads have been put in for guards and managers. The board is working on grants for the pool. There have been lots of helpers for softball come forward, but not coaches yet. Lacey Newell is working with the softball league to see if there is formal training for coaches. Sharla reported the phone for pool has been purchased but has not set up the number yet.

**Public Works Report:** Tyler Smith, Public Works Director, reported he contacted Dave Sobolik regarding a blown fuse in the West Wellhouse. Tyler asked Dave to research a generator for the well house as well as updating lift station's electrical panel by Casey's. Tyler did extra samples for DNR to



renew the lagoon permit. DNR also asked Tyler to schedule a sewer survey, normally done every so often. Tyler and Mayor Brian have been checking the status of City truck order, H & S reported production for 2023 has stopped. Truck production for 2024 will be starting soon and they are checking for the possibility of one of that year. Tyler asked if Council would object to Brent Mehmert burning one of the properties that had a fire last month. There is nothing in current ordinance to prevent this. Council then discussed if pushing and burying in the old foundation was also an option. There are other properties in City that have already been done similar. Fire Chief mentioned that testing for asbestos may have to be done prior to doing anything. Tyler had City Engineer Drew Weber drive with him on Miller Street, to see if he had any ideas for resurfacing. Drew's recommendation was surface with curb, either blacktop or cement. Drew will come back with costs and options. Tyler reported he attended a DNR presentation regarding inventorying City service lines. DNR is asking that all Iowa Cities document by October 16, 2024, looking for lines with lead. Most service lines done after 1988 are copper or plastic, which is good. DNR is not asking for replacement, but documentation. Discussion followed with best ways to handle. One option was for Tyler to go door to door and take a picture of the water meter, should be able to tell at that point. Levenson suggested putting something in the water bill to let folks know, they could call Tyler to make an appointment. This would also confirm where the meters are located, where now there are only handwritten notes.

**Resolution 02072023-1:** Copies of resolution were available. This money is to be used for the Merrill Street Bridge Project. Burnikel motioned to approve the resolution with Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Resolution approved to fix the date for the Public Hearing on proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$ 504,000. The Public Hearing Date was set for March 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

**Resolution 02072023:** Jason Passmore presented a HQJP (High Quality Jobs Program) Economic Development Application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for Upper Iowa Beef, LLC's expansion with the City matching funds by way of 100% tax abatement for minimum of 5 years on UIB's expansion. Levenson motioned to approve the resolution with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Resolution approved.

**2023 NPDES Permit Renewal & Future Compliance Plan:** Bolton & Menk sent a Task Order Application Agreement for Permit renewal as well as Future Compliance Plan. Task Order cost is \$ 27,290. Levenson motioned to approve the Task Order for Bolton & Menk with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Task Order approved. Bolton & Menk should have results for March meeting.

**Insurance Bills from Cray:** Cray sent 2 options for annual City insurance, one with Fire Dept and one without Fire Dept. Fire Dept is currently insured thru CIA. Option with Fire Dept is \$ 25,185 and option without is \$ 21,431. Kalstabakken motioned to accept the option with Fire Dept through Cray Insurance with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved to insure City including Fire Dept with Cray Insurance. Council agreed to price out replacement value insurance. There will be a credit of \$227 as City does not have EMS people.

**Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Board Re-appointment:** City Clerk Jane Tibbals had previously been appointed to fill in for previous City Clerk on their Regional Housing Board. They had asked her to obtain Council approval to re-appoint for next 3-year term. Mayor asked for a motion to approve, and Cottrell asked how this was related to recent grants to small town in the area. Jason Passmore answered that Upper Explorerland had recently posted the CBDG grant awards and Upper Explorerland is the only one in this area authorized to write those grants. Jane reported that financial advisor had mentioned this grant as an option. Mayor did not get the motion and item will be put on next agenda.

**Community Center Lighting:** Jarry Hughes, Community Center Board Chair, obtained a quote from Jeff Randak Electric to replace the outside lights on the building. Quote for \$ 4,225 to replace 13 lights, this also includes installation price. Community Center previously approved to pay \$ 3,000 towards the lighting project. This quote does not include the rebate for the LED lights of \$ 50 per light. Levenson motioned to approve Jeff Randak Electric's quote with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved for Community Center Lighting with Jeff Randak Electric.

**Max Levy Public Hearing:** Burnikel motioned to approve Resolution 02072023-2 for Max Levy with Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved for Max Levy not to exceed \$ 189,667 for Fiscal Year 2024.

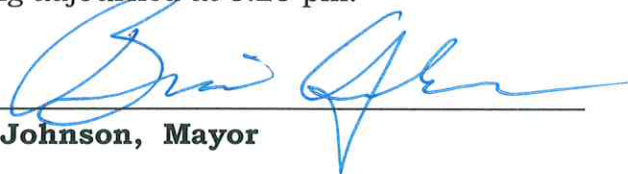


**Entity Budgets:** Burnikel noted that the Library did not include any of the expansion in the new budget. There may be amendments coming for the current year's budgets. Cottrell asked if a 5-year history would be helpful as well as future projects listed. There was no comments Cottrell motioned to approve the 5 entities budgets as presented with Kalstabakken 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Entity Budgets approved.

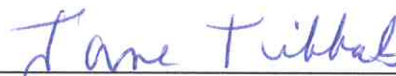
**Set Public Hearing Date for Fiscal Year 2024 Budget:** Burnikel motioned to set date for Public Hearing as March 7, 2023, with Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing Date set for March 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

**Other:** Set date and time for special meeting as February 15, 2023, at 6 pm. Jason Passmore asked if there had been any update regarding potential of Dollar General coming to Lime Springs. There has been some conversation, but nothing concrete yet. Questions came up regarding annexing as well as access roads.

Levenson motioned to adjourn. Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



**Brian Johnson, Mayor**



**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**