

Mayor Brian Johnson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on August 1, 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): Jill Tibbals, Scott Osmundson, Ed Hampe, Rhonda Klapperich (SALC), Bethany Hollerd (SALC)

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 5 voted Yes. The Agenda, June 11 Minutes, Bills and Financial reports were approved.

Open Forum: Rhonda Klapperich, representing the Spring Ahead Learning Center, asked if the Council had any problems or concerns if SALC installed cameras by each of the 3 doors of the building. Council had a short discussion and there was no opposition. There was mention that the door code is not able to be changed, Rhonda stated that different folks have tried to work on it without results.

Fire: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson, reported 3 calls this past month. One was fire at Tree Dump outside of town. They discovered oil filters and oil burning. Levenson expressed concern that the cameras need to be updated, as not able to get clear pictures of who may have started this fire. The other two calls were for landing zones. They obtained 4 pagers with their St Paul's grant with warrantees. He reported 2 old fire call bills can be written off. He presented an updated Seat Belt Policy for LS Fire Dept, which has been discussed at their last Fire Board meeting. Scott presented a new Fire Fighter application for Trent Loewen. Their Fire Board and Fire Dept has already approved his application, he is asking for Council approval. Levenson motioned to approve Trent Loewen's application with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Trent Loewen's application for Fire Fighter was approved for LS Fire Dept. Scott gave LSFD's schedule for Sweet Corn Days activities. The LS Fire Fighters are scheduled to wash streets on Tuesday pm. Work Beer Garden Friday, Water Ball on Saturday afternoon and fire trucks will be in the parade on Sunday. They also plan to wash the streets Sunday night. They also have a ball team in the tournaments. Levenson added that the street in front of the Fire Station will be blocked off Saturday afternoon for water ball. Scott will inform the sheriff regarding the street closures. Cottrell expressed concern that last year there was water main breaks during the street washing. Scott answered that street washing is done from the tanker directly and not the fire hydrants along the route. The fire hydrant in front of the Fire station is used for filling the tanker and also for water ball. Scott reported the ordered generator has a ship date of August 11 to seller. Fire Dept would like the City boundaries marked to help with placement. Burnikel reminded City it has to be placed at least 10 feet from propane tank.

Library: Council Jennifer Kalstabakken read Library notes, in Board Chair Eddie Miller's absence. She reported the LS Library did not have their regular monthly meeting in July, so little to report. Social events held in July was July 1st had 11 attend, Bingo had 13 attend. Annual Guess the Movie Contest Window contest is held until August 15.

Park & Rec Report: Council Richard Cottrell, Park & Rec's liaison, read their report in Board Chair Laney Frazer's absence. Ball Park put up a flag & pole by the score board. They are checking options for a "Loren W Johnson Athletic Field" sign to be put up. The board is looking into grants for cementing the dugouts and under bleachers. Pool's adult swim generated 14 and their 2nd late night swim had 35 attend. Next year, they plan to schedule these activities at the beginning of season, to get higher attendance. The pool will close after LS Betterment group's Back to School Bash August 16. Free swimming and then movie at dusk at ballfield. Tyler can drain the pool Aug 17. Cottrell asked Council to consider sending the Pool's Social Media Policy to the City Attorney. Mayor asked Council to read over and will put on next month's agenda. Levenson asked if a load of lime or something could be

done at the ballfield. The infield is very thin and hard. He said there are volunteers to spread if it can be obtained before Sweet Corn Days. Tyler will get prices and contact Laney. Tyler reported water usage has not changed. Cottrell reported that Pool & Park Board still plans to fix the cracks and paint at the Pool for this Fall.

Public Works Report: Tyler Smith, Public Works Director presented quotes for AC replacement at SALC. This is AC for one of the classrooms and the kitchen, the SW side. The quotes represent replacement, as broken part is not fixable. Current system has a heat pump. Cresco Heat & Vent quoted at \$ 7,913.88 with a heat pump. Johnson Comfort quoted one with a heat pump at \$ 8,725 and without a heat pump at \$ 6,900.50. Pros and cons is that a heat pump will save money and heat when it is 32 degrees or more. The current system is considered more than the building needs, but it was originally built this way. Tyler put a window AC unit in for now. Burnikel motioned to approve the \$ 6900 quote from Johnson Comfort. Levenson 2nd. Burnikel, Levenson, Kalstabakken and Bielefeld voted Yes and Cottrell voted No. Motion approved Johnson's bid for AC replacement at SALC for \$ 6900.50. Money will be coming out of SALC fund, with rest out of buildings fund. Tyler reported 2 building permits approved this month. Donna Foote's new home stick built and sign for Dollar General Store. Drew from Mudslinger's measured the street cut-outs to be fixed and didn't think he would be able to get done before Sweet Corn Days but should get done before Fall. Dave Sobolik helped Tyler fix the lights on Main Street. The two, beyond the bank, ended up finding an access box with damaged wiring. The plan is for all of the lights to be lit by Sweet Corn Days. The lights should be changed over to LEDs before Winter. Tyler confirmed that yes, the lights do have electric outlets on them for Christmas decorations, when Burnikel asked. However, these would not support food trucks. Mayor requested Tyler to get an appointment with DNR to get certification tests done. Levenson asked how much per test and Tyler answered \$ 35 and if failed, can make appointment and take again in a week or 2. He needs 1 test for sewer and 2 for water. The cameras on Main Street are not working, Sheriff Tim Beckman has been testing them. The speed sign is not working either, Beckman suggested the battery may need checking for the sign. Levenson asked for the weeds be sprayed in front of the Fire Station. Cottrell reported there were 2 drivers that made black marks on the street after the car show. He reported this happened at 8:45. The Council has previously approved the street to be closed only until 8 pm. Mayor suggested the time be extended. Mayor also suggested that the bars just be made aware of this. Levenson also reported that Nick Burke donated some of the money to Pool & Park as well as Community Club. Jane reported that the Sheriff had been reported ahead of the time as he wanted a heads up. Tyler reported that Sleepy Hollow told him that bid assist for Iowa cities is going away. Tyler reported a new dump truck option, with 9 foot frame, stainless steel box is around \$ 63,875, this does not include a plow. Tyler rechecked the status of the used truck, he had found last month in WI. That price had recently dropped from \$ 48,900 to \$ 39,990, currently that truck had a hold on, with another buyer. However, this then brings up what exactly the City need/want. Tyler reported that this past week, a dump box would have been handy for rock and sticks. The current 2008 truck was bought in 2012 for \$ 12,500. New Dodge Ram prices with dump box are over \$81,000. Stainless is preferred because not going to rust. Jane and Tyler both suggested that a couple Council make the decision, with a cap, rather than this keep coming back up at Council meeting. Levenson said yes, a new truck would be nice, but may not be needed. Mayor asked who would be available and what the cap should be. Council was cautioned that a meeting is when more than 2 Council are present or involved and no the Mayor does not count as a Council member. If messages are sent thru texts, phone calls or emails to all and answered back, then yes that counts as a meeting, so don't really want to do that. Levenson motioned 2 Council to make the decision and for the cap to be at \$ 60,000, if one can be found as a full dressed truck including a plow. Burnikel 2nd. Burnikel, Levenson, Kalstabakken and Bielefeld voted Yes and Cottrell voted No. Levenson, Cottrell and Mayor said that they could be available with Tyler to make this decision. Council suggested that Tyler find a truck he may be interested in or else if anyone finds one - to let Tyler know and then he can make an appointment for going to see the truck with those that can make it. Cottrell asked if Tyler had checked to see if there was room at the Tree Dump for a building. Levenson & Burnikel said that water & sewer would be needed to wash vehicles. Tyler also mentioned that working with chemicals need to have water available. Cottrell asked how big was the building that Brian had just moved out of? 100 by 60 feet was answer. Cottrell said that there would be room for a 50 by 80 foot building at tree dump.

Resolution 08012023-1 Fixing a date for Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan Agreement and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$ 510,000: Levenson motioned to set the Public Hearing date as September 5, 2023. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved for Public Hearing date as September 5, 2023.

Resolution 08012023-2 Fixing a date for Public Hearing on a proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money in a principal amount not to exceed \$ 1,220,000: Levenson motioned to set the Public Hearing date as September 5, 2023. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved for Public Hearing date as September 5, 2023.

Resolution 08012023-3 Schedule of Fees: Levenson motioned to approve the schedule of fees, which reflects the updated Water, Sewer and Garbage rates already agreed upon. Burnikel 2nd. All Voted Yes. Motion approved for Schedule of Fees for 2023_2024.

Nuisances and letters sent: Jane gave Council hardcopy of letters sent for the month, with majority of them being for dogs and non-compliance of.

Ordinance Changes Jane and Tyler were wondering if there should be an Ordinance change because Nate Schwickerath had asked if he could put a park model on his property for temporary seasonal purposes. He is asking for water and sewer for warmer weather only and as a separate meter. Tyler will follow up with him, to see how a plumber will suggest how to hook up. Council said that this should be separate meters for each dwelling. This may need a hookup similar to an RV park or trailer park. Levenson and Bielefeld suggested that ordinance should be written as seasonal only. Council can see how water could be hooked up seasonally but question the sewer. Jane asked that meters not working be replaced or fixed. Mennonite Church is one and Levenson requested this become a priority.

Other: Confirmed that residents need the new cans before Hawkeye will be picking up the garbage. There have been quite a few positive comments about not having to sort the recycling. Kalstabakken asked how Council felt about a putting a "Freewill Donation" box for the RV Dump Station. She saw one when she was on vacation recently. Tyler will check to see how something could be fastened there. Levenson asked what to do with the outstanding bills and how to prevent future high bills before needing to shut off for non-payment. Levenson suggested to change the current Ordinance so that after the 2nd month, to turn off instead of letting it get to the 3rd month. Then he asked about curb stops if it breaks, who is responsible if the City turns it off for non-payment. Per Drew at Bolton & Menk, the curb stops are the responsibility of the landowner. Tyler said that he has quite a few curb stops on hand, however someone else has to help install it, which is an extra cost to the City. Levenson asked how to move folks towards ACH payments instead. Tyler stated maybe the shut off and turn back on charges should be less than the \$ 200 if changing the cut off times. \$ 50 was suggested. Levenson suggested that in the next year, one street at a time, go thru and locate the curb stops and check if working or not.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Brian Johnson, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk