

Mayor Brian Johnson called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on October 3, 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, Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk), Garth Foley, Bob & Laney Frazer, Eddie Miller

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. Kalstabakken asked for a change in last month's minutes to add that Council said it was OK to add the Lidtke Mill Bingo on the City monthly calendar. Burnikel re-motioned to approve the agenda, previous month's minutes with Kalstabakken's changes, bills and financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. The Agenda, September 5 minutes with change of Council being OK to add Lidtke Mill Binto to City calendar, Bills and Financials reports were approved.

Open Forum: none.

Fire: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson reported the generator is ready to be installed. Utility locate service has been ordered and the generator will be installed before snow. Fire Dept approved ordering 3 sets of gear. Fire Dept toured Upper Iowa Beef and feel better with maps and a plan in case of emergency. Scott presented a new Fire Fighter application for Cole Busch. Their Fire Board & Fire Dept have approved his application and he is asking for Council approval. Kalstabakken motioned to approve with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Cole Busch's application for Fire fighter approved for LS Fire Dept.

Library: Eddie Miller, LS Library Board Chair, reported Library activities. Howard County Library Assoc meeting is tonight in Lime Springs at 6:30. Magic Show is scheduled for October 15 at the Community Center. Social event is scheduled for October 7. Halloween Cake contest is scheduled for October. Scary stories and activities for kids are planned this month with Halloween Bingo for adults on October 21. Halloween costumes are welcomed at story hour October 25. Patrons served for August was 150 from Town and 112 from Country. Eddie also reported on a preliminary update from the architect's construction inspection with a formal report to be delivered to Library Director at a later date. He reported two non-compliance issues. One is smoke detector needs to be hardwired and sealing needed around some pipes from the Library to the garage area. The architect recommended the Fire Exit sign also be hardwired, which the Library will be doing as soon as possible. Eddie Miller reported the architect also had recommendations for the garage area and that info will be included in the architect's formal report. Eddie reported that the architect did not recommend any additional electrical box to be installed near the Library door.

Park & Rec Report: Board Chair, Laney Frazer reminded everyone that the Howard Co Foundation grants are due October 15. She is working on a grant for the ballpark, to include cementing the dugouts and lawn chair area. Their board accepted a bid from Zeth Curran for \$ 7,000 for sandblasting at the pool. She has a lead on someone that can come to caulk and paint next Spring. Their board voted to increase pool passes for next year. Holly Andersen is working on a line dancing fundraiser in November. November 26 is Festival of Trees. They would like new doors at the pool for next year and may write a grant for doors. Brown Park bathrooms are closed for the season. They are looking for motion lights at Brown Park bathrooms to spend the rest of their St Paul's Lutheran Endowment grant. Laney said that she will check with sandblaster for his liability insurance and continued with that cost will go down if anyone wants to volunteer. She will get date when scheduled.

Public Works Report: Tyler Smith, Public Works Director reported his approval on Ray Murphy's building permit to extend his driveway. Tyler reported bids for V-Plow for new City truck. Trucking America is \$ 12,500 for a 10 foot and Olsgaard has one used 9 foot 6 inch for \$ 6,500, and a new 10 foot 6 inch for \$ 9,800, which includes installation. Wiring of the sander are added costs. Burnikel

motioned to buy the new one from Olsgaard with Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved for Tyler to order from Olsgaard for \$ 9,800 and to also have them connect the sander. These are Western V-Plows, similar to what we currently have but wider. Warranty is for 2 winters and should be done in 6 weeks. There may be an additional cost of \$ 450 if a commercial mount is needed. Tyler reported he put up one of the Snow Removal signs by CIA and is asking what Council thinks. It was installed by the City banners on the light pole. He has 4 total to install on Main Street. Mayor suggested putting notes on door for the apartments. Tyler reported he has sewer certification test coming up in Calmar, waiting for a date from them in next week or so. Tyler reported 2 guys has asked about old City truck and someone is interested in the old plow truck. Tyler is asking Council how to sell? Sealed bids or on marketplace. Blue book has City truck worth at \$ 8,500 to \$ 10,000 not including the plow which is worth another \$ 2500 to \$ 3500. Old plow truck maybe worth \$ 3,000. Minimum bids were discussed as well if not sold thru bids, then put on marketplace. Mayor recommended sealed bids and reminded Council that don't have to accept the bids after receiving them. Burnikel motioned to sell old City truck with plow with a minimum bid of \$ 10,000 and to sell 1998 plow truck with no minimum bid. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved to advertise to sell both trucks, City 2012 truck with flatbed including plow with a minimum bid of \$10,000 and no minimum bid on 1998 plow truck. Cottrell asked Tyler what is happening with the cut outs in the streets. Tyler reported that Mudslingers said that they plan to be done before Winter as well as fixing a crack at the Community Center. Cottrell asked for update on water leak on Saturday. Tyler reported he had flushed hydrants last week with Johnson Farms being done on Friday. Water break was called to him early Saturday morning. This happened on Willard where there is old 4 inch main, which goes to a 6 inch and ends at 8 inch at Johnson Farms. Fire Dept was training Saturday morning at Johnson Farms parking lot. This was old thin galvanized pipe. Tyler reported the water is in the boulevard with Sewer lines in the middle of Willard Street. Mehmert was able to clamp, then replaced the pipe. Cottrell asked if hydro shocks could be installed to prevent this. Drew Weber was asked for his opinion as City Engineer if hydro or shock absorbers would help prevent this. Both Tyler and Drew said that they hadn't heard of these before, but the pipe replaced was thought to be over 50 years old. Tyler went on to say that the pipe was close to 7 foot deep. Cottrell continued with a tree in the Jackson Street boulevard that needs to be removed. Levenson said there is another tree on Willard close by, to also trim. Tyler will contact Tarzan to have them check. Mayor asked about hydrant by Upper Iowa Beef and Tyler reported that Mehmert says to replace, but Casey Sebastian feels it can be repaired by replacing O rings and will show Tyler how. The hydrant currently leaks when running.

Billing Adjustment for Brandon Burke: Brandon & Taylor Burke had come to Council last month to ask for an adjustment of their sewer services, as they had used over 50,000 gallons in one month, watering newly planted trees. Watering trees, the water is not gone thru sewer system, so asking for an adjustment on only the sewer services for that one month. Jane had copies of their last 12 months usage averages 4,000 gallons. Tyler asked if this sets a precedence Levenson answered that they should have come to Council prior to usage to give heads up. Jane noted that current system, City only reads meters once a month and don't notice the high usage right away. New electronic reads on every meter could enable this to be noticed daily, instead of monthly. Tyler said new meters installed are with the electronic reads, since we already have the software. Burnikel motioned to adjust their bill \$ 369.89, representing the sewer usage with Levenson 2nd. Burnikel, Bielefeld, Cottrell, Levenson voted Yes and Kalstabakken voted No. Motion approved to adjust Burke's bill for \$ 369.89.

Jackson Street & Lincoln Street Status Update: City Engineer Drew Weber, presented payment 6 out of 6 from Skyline Construction for \$ 21,537.49. This last payment finalizes the project at \$ 90,000 under budget. Drew asked Council to approve the last payment. Burnikel motioned to approve the last payment and finalize the project with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for payment and Jackson Street & Lincoln Street project is completed.

2024 City Projects: Drew Weber continued with the City's next project, which involves E Merrill, East & E Main Streets. This project, called Merrill Street Bridge Project, originates from having to replace Merrill Street Bridge. Drew came to meet with the residents along this route. The next step is for Bolton & Menk to meet and finalize the plans with Howard Co. The County is ordering the box culvert and installing it to replace the bridge. The City is responsible for the material cost and County responsible for labor of the box culvert. The plan is for this to be a concrete surface as opposed to

asphalt. Bolton & Menk will be meeting with the City financial advisor, Maggie, and then will be meeting with City with prelim costs and funding. There will be another meeting for residents in the Spring before any construction begins. These meetings are to communicate what to expect for timelines and for accessibility. 3 blocks of Miller Street is still being looked at for resurfacing. Storm sewer conditions are not known at this time for Miller Street. High level numbers for those 3 blocks are from \$ 400,000 to \$ 800,000. Drew gave a preliminary update on water storage and lagoon options that Bolton & Menk have been researching. They just received the last of the vital stats in last few days, so Bolton & Menk is planning to present these options to City before end of 2023.

Dollar General Update: Tyler reported paving plans to start this week. Jane reported the City has received a warranty deed to deed the frontage road to the City from Dollar General. Drew agrees to not file this deed with County, until the store is done.

NuWay-K & H Co-op Propane Contract: Burnikel presented propane contract for next year. Last year, the City used 3400 gallons. He recommended to contract 3400 gallons at the \$ 1.39 rate. Cottrell asked if the propane companies that come into town, need a vendor license to come into town or not. Burnikel answered no vendor license needed for propane and there are probably 10 different ones within 25 miles, that come into LS. People can buy their propane from anyone if they own their own tank. Levenson motioned to contract at \$ 1.39/gallon for 3400 gallons with Bielefeld 2nd. Burnikel abstains as an employee of NuWay. Other 4 voted Yes. Motion approved to contract 3400 gallons at \$ 1.39 per gallon with Nu Way-K & H Co-op.

Budget Timeline: Due to upcoming changes, will set budget workshop at November meeting for either November or December. Workshop meetings are open to Public to attend.

Ordinance Changes: Jane wrote up the changes of charging finance charges on the 20th; moving the water to be disconnected for non-payment after 30 days instead of in the 3rd month. Also changing the disconnect and reconnect rate from \$ 100 for each to \$ 50 for each. Levenson motioned to publish the changes as written with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved to write up changes to publish, to hold first reading next Council meeting. Security deposits rates will be discussed at Budget workshop, as deposit rates are not set through ordinances. New hook ups in property owner's name only was discussed and Jane will research how the ordinance can be worded.

Nuisances and letters sent: Jane gave Council hardcopy of letters sent for the month, with majority of them being for dogs. Mayor asked about the cats and what can be done with the strays.

Past Due Accounts: Council discussed 4 older accounts totaling \$524.20. Levenson motioned to write the resolution to credit the accounts with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved.

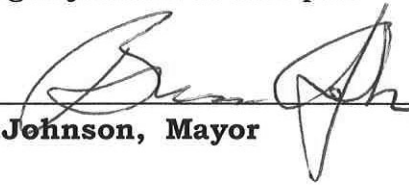
Dollar General Tobacco Permit: Kalstabakken motioned to approve DG Tobacco Permit with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Dollar General's Tobacco Permit.

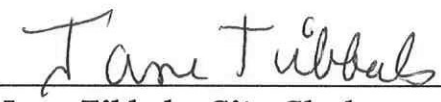
City Building & Storage Needs: Council discussed a building that may become available for sale in the future. Some of Council will try to tour it before next meeting.

Mayor announced November 7 meeting will be held in the Fire Station on same night as Election.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.


 Brian Johnson, Mayor


 Jane Tibbals, City Clerk