

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Burnikel called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Fire Station on April 2, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

**Member(s) present:** Jeff Burnikel, Jennifer DeVries Kalstabakken, Mike Levenson, Richard Cottrell

**City Employees:** Jane Tibbals (City Clerk)

**Absent:** Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick

**Visitor(s):** Jill Tibbals, Jeff Siegenthaler, Eddie Miller, Scott Osmundson, Laney & Bobby Frazer, Lacey Newell

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda, Previous Month's Minutes, Approval of Bills, and Financial reports:** Levenson motioned to approve the agenda, previous month's minutes, bills and financial reports. Kalstabakken 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 present voted Yes. The Agenda, March 5, 23, & 25 Minutes, Bills and Financial Reports were approved.

**Fire Dept Report:** Fire Chief, Scott Osmundson, reported 2 calls last month. 1 a landing zone & 1 traffic control for an accident. Scott requested Council to approve a new applicant for Firefighter – Kole Balvanz. Levenson motioned to approve with Cottrell 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 voted Yes. Kole Balvanz approved for Fire Dept. Scott reported the generator is fully functional and is to test once a month. Scott reported 4 wheeler's raffle is starting with \$ 20 for each ticket or 6 @ \$ 100. Given away on Sunday afternoon of Sweet Corn Day weekend. Potential fire truck purchase fell thru, with their bid not being high enough.

**Park & Recreation Dept:** Laney Frazer, Board Chair, asked Council for possible advance or loan for Pool repairs. After crunching the numbers & recent donations, including a \$ 5K donation from Howard Co Supervisors, they need an additional \$ 27,040. Paul Anderson's quote to sandblast, fill cracks and paint was \$ 57,133. She continued that his work is warrantied for 1 year, tho he has had some last longer than 15 years. Ideal temp and cure time is 7 days at 77 degrees for epoxy, so would prefer to do this in the Spring, instead of Fall. He did ask that the City get rid of the sand. It was discussed that maybe the sand could be re-used at the Volley Ball Court. Jane suggested that one way to handle this would be advance the Pool the \$ 24,000 that Council has already approved for next year's budget from property tax. Laney did say that Brad Thatcher came and said it would be over \$ 18K for them, to just fill in cracks, didn't think he could get a sandblaster, nor a painter. After much discussion, with Laney confirming that they would continue to fundraise. Levenson motioned to give the Pool the \$ 24,000, taking it from next year's budget with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cottrell asked where is the money now for this and Jane pointed out that Local Option Sales tax balance is over \$ 70K and this money is available for immediate use. All 4 voted Yes. Motion approved for an additional \$ 24,000 to be made available to pay for project early with everyone understanding that Pool will not receive any additional money from property tax in 2024\_2025 fiscal year. Cottrell suggested that Amazon owner's ex-wife may be researched as a possible source. Other fundraising ideas of Poker Run and Silent Auction was mentioned. Laney gave possibility of Holly Anderson & Christina Gibbs as co-managers for the Pool. Also Holly Anderson passed the class for Certified Pool Operator, which is good for 5 years. When asked about job description for CPO, Laney mentioned that Holly was working on it and then asked what Tyler's job description was this. Public Works description includes all of the City water, sewer, pumps and chemical tests, which also included the Pool. There is not a separate description for just the Pool. An hour of Tyler's time per day – even tho tests were done up to 4 times a day. Laney said that Holly researched and that tests are only required twice a day. Council also decided that new PW should also be certified for Pool Operator. Laney reported Diane Tieskotter & Janet DeVries gave written resignations from Park & Rec Board. Laney asked Council to approve 3 new board apps. Burnikel motioned to approve Matt Levenson, Kelly Olson & Truman Thomas as new board members. Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 voted Yes. 3 applicants approved. DJ Miller & Holly Anderson's terms have also expired. By moving Laney to a voting member, this brings this board 5 voting members as per the current ordinance. Kalstabakken questioned why DJ would be done and Laney explained she understood Council said terms are to be enforced and the ordinance states 5 voting members with term limits of 3 years.

**Library:** Eddie Miller, LS Library Board Chair, reported Library Assoc is meeting in Riceville on Apr 2. Nat'l Library Week is Apr 7-13, sign up for book drawings. Spring Ahead has a Library field trip scheduled Apr 9. Last Book discussion had 9 people. Chip & Nail is scheduled for Apr 20, this is at a discount. Next Bingo night is scheduled Apr 27. Annual Art Show scheduled May 11. Patrons for Feb was 244 Town & 180 Country.

**Public Works Report:** Burnikel called on new part time employee, Jeff Siegenthaler, to ask how last 2 days have been. Jeff reported Lift Station needs attention. Levenson asked Jane to contact Milford Loewen to see about pumping it out. Jeff reported Generator at Treatment Plant is still not testing weekly. Ed Hampe has scheduled someone to come to re-program it. Burnikel reported Kendall Fox has accepted the PW Director position and is scheduled to start April 22. Levenson reported he had checked with O'Henrys in response to Fox's question if a uniform may help City residents know who he is, since is not from LS. They have a shirt with his name on & pocket for \$ 19. West Well House building has need of roof repair and Levenson contacted someone who then said that he didn't think the building was repairable and should be totally replaced. Jane reported she called Site Services to come test the building for any asbestos before replacement begins. We will also need to verify how the wells will be coordinated during the change. East Well House needs a bigger dehumidifier. Cottrell suggested a 2<sup>nd</sup> one instead of one bigger one. Levenson asked if windows are needed in Well houses.

**Public Hearing Date for Budget Adoption:** Kalstabakken motioned for Public Hearing to be held April 16 at 5:30 pm with Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 present voted Yes. Budget Adoption Hearing to be held April 16 at 5:30 pm in the Community Center.

**Sweet Corn Day Electricity & Library:** Cottrell stated he doesn't believe that the Food Trucks should be pulling electricity out of the Library/Shop building. Burnikel stated that he has someone coming to check out the wires that Cottrell saw in the Library basement to see if they are still in use. Cottrell states that he feels there should be a generator used instead. Eddie Miller asked if the pipe running from the propane tank to the boiler is steel or not and Burnikel said that he would check. Cottrell then asked Fire Chief Osmundson, if there shouldn't be a fire and/or gas alarm to the fire station from the Library basement. The answer was the alarm would have to call 911, not the fire station. Eddie then asked if there shouldn't be a 1 hour fire wall between Library and Shop. Scott replied that depends on City Ordinances. Eddie continued that he said there should be a fire door in between the Shop and the Library. Council continued this had been brought up at an earlier meeting, but there appeared to be no action plan from that discussion. Jane to call for quotes. Jane asked which fund(s) will be paying for this change. Burnikel said that let's find the cost and then discuss further.

**Cell Phone, more Time Off & Medical reimbursement increases:** to be tabled until Kendall starts.

**No Smoking in City Vehicles:** this is already part of employee handbook. Levenson reported maybe the new City truck was not cleaned after it was bought. Levenson did ask that handbook to be updated to include all City equipment to be kept clean and maintained.

**Building Permit:** Levenson approved a building permit for additions to Eric & Holly Munkel's home. The permit also includes a consent agreement with their neighbor in case they are less than 5 feet from their property lines.

**Other:** Cottrell asked when equipment would be moved into the new shop area. Council continued that unless there is specific equipment to move, will wait until Kendall starts. Cottrell asked about the dirt on the road with the new house. Levenson & Burnikel said that landscaping needs to be done, plus a good rain will help wash some of this off the road. The recent cut across that road came from neighbor's sewer line being dug up. Lacey Newell asked Council if there was any decision about splitting the Park & Rec Board. Levenson asked what Council thought about adding more members instead of splitting and there was no response to add more. Lacey continued what about soccer being played. Laney answered that nets and balls are in the works. Laney mentioned other Park activities being done. Burnikel suggested that Lacey attend more Park & Rec meetings to hear what they are planning now for both parks and pool. Kalstabakken answered that yes, Council had talked about if more people would volunteer, than maybe they would think about splitting the board then. Lacey was asked to bring people to the Park & Rec meetings as well as City Council, to show their interest.

Cottrell motioned to adjourn with Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 7:57 pm.

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**Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor**

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**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**