

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on April 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

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

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

**Visitor(s):** Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk), Harlan Larson, Laney & Bobby Frazer,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Kalstabakken motioned to approve the Agenda. Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Agenda approved.

**Street Projects:** Drew Weber, City Engineer with Bolton & Menk, presented upcoming updated info on City projects. Drew reported that it didn't make financial sense to put 1 to 3 blocks of Miller Street as a separate project ahead of the Merrill Street Bridge Project. It will cost the City more in mobilization fees to bring the equipment in more than once. There is also the risk of the new road being damaged with the other construction going on afterwards. Drew is working with SRF for financial approval under one loan, even tho the project may be over more than one year. This project has been delayed awaiting DNR's final approval on a second submit to extend the storm sewer on E Main Street. By extending the storm sewer on E Main, it is a shorter route for the water drainage. Drew answered the question on where the project would start. He thought it would start at the lowest point for utilities, which is on Miller Street, tho with the bridge involved, Howard County would probably take the bridge out fairly early, depending on their schedule. This project is proposed as cement instead of asphalt. The 2<sup>nd</sup> project is A21 / Merrill Street, which is from Hwy 63 into town and ending at Center Street corner. This project is a County project and has already been approved. Nick Rissman, Howard Co is planning to open the bid for early 2025. The 2<sup>nd</sup> project is listed as a "Cold in Place", where the existing asphalt is ground up, add oil to it and put it back down, following up with pavement behind it. This 2<sup>nd</sup> project is to be an asphalt instead of cement, without curbs and gutters. To add curbs and gutters, would be an added City only expense, where currently the pavement cost is to be 50/50 cost shared with County & City. Mayor asked about frost boils on this stretch and Drew asked for these to be identified on a map back to him. On A21 – most of the utilities are in the boulevards with the water on the south side and sanitary waste on the north side of the street. Drew will send updates to City Hall to share. Drew said that residents will also receive newsletters along that route.

**Side Note:** Cottrell asked if Drew knows how to keep heavy trucks off the newer Jackson Street. Drew said that he could check with the County to see if they have any ideas on types of signage to use. Currently the signs say, "No Heavy Trucks," which are not enforceable as "Heavy" is not defined. Kalstabakken asked why there wasn't a truck route established and how it could be enforced. Heisler asked if weight restrictions could be added and Burnikel answered that due to the thickness of that road, probably can't do that. GPS is what directs the trucks on that road. A camera was suggested to identify what trucks are going thru there. Cottrell asked if holes could be filled in front of Kareen Johnson's and corner of Merrill & Lincoln / A23. Council asked PW to put some rock in. Drew said that he has not heard anything more from Upper Iowa Beef which is why there has not been a meeting called regarding Water & Lagoon needs.

**West Well Update:** Site Services has been contacted twice to come check out the asbestos. Council asked that bids be taken for replacing the building part so they can review that at May meeting. Katie Sterk with Bolton & Menk supplied order of what needs to be done and said based upon previous usage, that the best time for this well to be down would be before middle of May.

**Public Works Priorities:** Jane presented Council with a task list for Public Works, to assist when Kendall Fox starts, which is April 22. Levenson asked about a couple of meter changes that need to be done. These are meters that were either never switched to new style or do not read. Levenson asked who is responsible for paying to change these over, as plumbers will need to be called.

**Library's old fuel oil tank leaking in basement:** somehow one of the old unused fuel oil tank in Library's basement is leaking. This is either fuel oil or fuel oil and water mix. City's part time PW has been researching how to pump out as well as stop the leak. Kalstabakken said that the biggest issue is the smell in the library is quite unpleasant. Jane called a few oil dealers and they said that they didn't

deliver it. Burnikel said that when he looked, it appears to be old oil and not a recent fill, as no place to fill from outside. The bigger issue is the cleanup, to get rid of it and that will get rid of the smell.

**Nuisance Property:** There has been a complaint filed regarding stuff piled in a yard. Jane sent a letter per Council request. Current ordinances do not have any fees or enforcement if this is not cleaned up. This brought up the discussion of other properties and how far to go with clean up. Possible Clean Up day as discussed. Levenson said that he would be open for Hawkeye to bring a dumpster in every couple of years. This at least would be a start for the City. Cottrell was assured that Hawkeye will give a list of what can be dumped in and that this dumpster would have to be manned.

**Disposal of cement in Ball Field's parking lot:** Bobby Frazer said it is too big to break up and haul away. Levenson said that Nick Burke offered to dig & bury it. Council asked that Casey Sebastian be contacted to locate water & sewer and possible storm sewer. There is too much liability involved in case there is something there. Burnikel motioned to bury it rather than haul it away with Levenson 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Jane will contact Casey.

**Public Hearing:** Kalstabakken motioned to close the special meeting and go into Public Hearing for Budget adoption. Heisler 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. Public Hearing opened at 6:48 for comments. Few Comments. Kalstabakken motioned to close the public hearing and reopen the special meeting with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted yes. Special meeting reopened at 6:49. Levenson motioned to approve Resolution 04162024-1 with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted yes. Resolution 04162024-1 approved adopting the 2024\_2025 Budget.

**Other:** Laney brought up that the sandblaster for the pool, wants a check for half when he comes next Monday. Laney to get the paperwork to Jane to make check ready.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 6:55 pm.

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**Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor**

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**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**