

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on July 2, 2024 6:30 pm.

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

City Employees: Kendall Fox (Public Works Director), Jane Tibbals (City Clerk)

Visitor(s): Jill Tibbals, Michael Hoffmann (Iowa Pump Works), Jeff Siegenthaler, Eddie Miller, Bob & Laney Frazer, Ed Hampe, Ray Niewoehner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the Agenda, previous month's minutes, bills and financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. The Agenda, June 4 & 12 Minutes, Bills and Financial Reports were Approved.

Open Forum: City Clerk said she forgot to include an item on the agenda, which is to ask if City is interested in selling City property along Willard? Council answered that they were interested only if going to stay Commercial, so to contact person and say not at this time.

Library Board: Eddie Miller, LS Library Board Chair, reported Library's Summer Reading Program had 48 registered and gave out 10 prizes. Children's Bingo had 21; Guessing had 37; Animal Program had 29; Bitty Bunnies had 29; Maria's singing had 24; Mini Golf had 6; Horse Program had 46; Special Movie had 5; the Magic show had 5 entries; Monday Coffee group continues to meet with 12-14 attending. Book discussion is scheduled July 9, Drum Circle Program scheduled for July 16, Next Micro-chip & Nail trimming is July 20 and next Bingo night is July 20. Night movie in Kitchen Park is scheduled for July 26. Patrons for May was 201 Town & 181 Country.

Park & Rec Board: Laney Frazer, Board Chair, changed the rate of pay for asst managers, Alayna Larson & Kristen Frazer is to be \$13/hour at all times, whether guarding or managing. The WSI rate is \$12.50/hour, but Kristen is the only WSI and she is already at the \$13 rate. Jane will be able to make adjustments on next payroll. Pool opened June 19 and since it opened late, their board decided to keep the season passes at the prior open rate. She presented fundraising ideas of Car Wash, 50/50 raffle, Pie in Face. Ball concessions are doing well and thanks to Marcia Wells & Kelly Miller for volunteering at the concessions for every home game. They have been hearing lots of positive comments regarding the new cement at the ballfield. The fence was repaired at Brown Park. Jim Kitchen painted pickle ball lines on tennis court. \$866 was donated thru Mother's Day lunch with \$458 for Pool & \$408 for Parks. They have received quite a few donations towards pool & parks. Laney had asked the guards if they were interested in mowing and no one responded. Jeff Burnikel is getting playground mulch for Brown Park at SMI.

Public Works: Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, asked Council who is responsible for culverts in the boulevards. Kendall reported the one at Croell's has a hole in the top of the culvert and is almost closed on one end. This diverts the water and creates ruts in the road. Jane said she couldn't find anything in the ordinances to address culverts and boulevards. Are these the City's or property owner's responsibility to maintain? Mayor suggested contacting the County for culvert and digging. Burnikel said he didn't know of anything for digging permit. Ray Niewoehner brought pictures of erosion taking place after his boulevard was dug up when there was a water main break. Council did agree the boulevard should have been put back to original after the water main break. Council directed Kendall to contact Mehmert to try to put back the boulevards for Ray Niewoehner and Kim Theis. Put back includes leveling off, adding fill, dirt and grass seed since Mehmert has the proper equipment. Levenson said in future water main breaks, the City needs to address the boulevard at that time, by bringing in dirt right away, so it would be ready to fix. Council did agree that rock thrown and washed in boulevards is not the City's responsibility. Michael Hoffmann presented Iowa Pump Works' maintenance agreement for Lagoon & Lift Station's pumps. This agreement is \$ 2,000 annually and includes preventative inspections. Any repairs is additional. The price can be locked in for 3 years. Levenson motioned with Burnikel 2nd to sign the agreement & to lock in price for 3 years. All 5 voted

Yes. Motion approved for 3 years at \$2,000 annually to inspect Lagoon & Lift Station pumps. Michael Hoffmann also presented an alarm system, that would add readings and alarms at the Lift Station, Lagoon, Water Tower & Well House Pumps. The system quoted at \$ 51,836.95 installed and annual fees of \$360 to \$420 per unit. Currently City has 2 separate alarms connected to landlines and 1 alarm connected to TracFone. These alarms are not reliable and do not give any readings. Council asked Hoffmann to present this to City engineers - Bolton & Menk to see how this would work with their preliminary plans. Kendall called Iowa Pumps to service one of the Lagoon pumps last week and they pulled pump and found the rubber end of a plunger had made it to the lagoon and caused this pump to slow down. They also found both lagoon pumps are not working at full capacity, so both need to be pulled and worked on. Preventive maintenance would have caught this earlier. Kendall reported there is a clay tile sewer line that has a breach in it on Howard Street. Kendall reported I & I can be improved into the sewer lines and then goes to the Lagoon. He suggested camera-ing for preventive maintenance which is also what Bolton & Menk have suggested. Where there are breaches, with fix by replacing the breached part and re-lining the pipes. H & M camera'd the Howard Street sewer line. Council asked why camera the sewer lines for the Merrill Street Bridge Project if going to replace those lines. Kendall also pulled manhole covers and measured levels during heavy rain and found over 4 feet of water going thru there. It was also suggested to check that sump pumps and drain spouts are not pumping in the sewer lines, by fogging. Council asked to get quotes from H & M for re-lining and cameras. Council will ask Bolton & Menk why camera what is going to be replaced. Jane & Kendall asked Council what to do about vacant houses where the water meter is still installed. Recently Kendall removed a couple of meters, where the house is going to be torn down or is expected to be vacant for more than a year. Water is already turned off at the curb stop. Cottrell asked if City could establish a rule that a person must hook up water if going to live there and this brought up that Sheriff has already been asked and this is not enforceable unless there are children involved. Council decided to remove meters only if house is going to be torn down or if property owner requests it. Otherwise it is property owner's responsibility to maintain and cost of a water meter replacement. Jane presented cost of signs for Tree Dump from Signs by Design. 3 by 5 Sign is \$275 or \$750 for reflective coating. 18 inches by 12 inches is \$34 each. Kalstabakken motioned for \$275 sign with 2 smaller ones @ \$34 each with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for \$275 sign plus 2 smaller ones. Kendall presented 4 cameras @ \$ 899.99 for the Tree Dump. This quote was from Amazon. Levenson motioned to order the cameras with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Cameras will be ordered. Cottrell asked for clarification on the monthly \$2 charge. This was clarified as City will pick up sticks and yard waste from the boulevard from folks in town and take it to tree dump. People can still take out their own yard waste and trees if want to. Cottrell asked why can County dump there then as well as those from out of City limits? Burnikel answered that other towns have Tree Dumps and anyone can dump there as trees and branches can be burned, it is the non-tree waste that the City needs to deter. Drew reported he submitted the plans to DNR for the Well House and not heard back yet. The plans include changing the water line from 4 to 6 inch. Jane asked Council if they want part time City employee Jeff Siegenthaler to be IPER'd, as if any City employee earns more than \$1,000 in consecutive quarters, then they have to have IPERs taken out. He earned over \$3,000 in last 3 months, so else have to use him less and hire someone or else have IPERs taken out. Council & Kendall did report there is quite a bit going on with marking water valves. Council decided to see if any of the guards respond and if not, run an ad so can make decisions at August meeting. Kendall reported 3 tons of Cold Patch was put on Miller Street. Council asked Kendall to get quotes from Northway Well for maintenance as well as upgrading the Wellhouse pumps. City Engineer, Drew Weber wasn't at the meeting, but sent a written update on City projects, which included submitting to DNR for Well House and Merrill Street Bridge Street Projects. Kendall reported Bodensteiner has a Quick Attach Hitch for the Tractor blade for \$ 1,008. Mayor & Heisler brought up that this is a safety concern if nothing else and yes other items could be attached as well. Levenson motioned to approve the \$ 1,008 or if can get it for less with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Quick Attach Hitch to be obtained.

Work Force: City had been contacted to see if would be interested in mentoring. Council said yes and to get more information. Normally this is done as part of a work study program and sometimes this is a paid position. Yes to answer Kalstabakken's question if this could pertain to the Library as the Library is part of the City.

Sweet Corn Days Liquor License: Levenson motioned to approve a liquor license for Sweet Corn Days with Burnikel 2nd. Heisler, Kalstabakken, Levenson & Burnikel Voted Yes. Cottrell Voted No. Motion approved for liquor license for Sweet Corn Days in August.

Sweet Corn Days Electricity: Burnikel reported he's been working with Kendall to add electricity for Food Trucks on Main Street. After looking at the box, they feel they can add 220 to what is already there, and not have to dig or drill. Then City can have Steve Johnson do the final hook-up as he is licensed. Laney asked if City can do the same thing at the ball field to add a 220 outlet down there for a Food Truck. They believe the concession stand will be closed and not used at Sweet Corn Days.

Nuisance Properties & Dead Trees: Council acknowledged the weeds and grass have been knocked down by a volunteer, but the lawn is not been done to City's satisfaction. Public Works was asked to continue to put it on their list in between rain. Dead trees are to be counted and City to come up with a plan for their removal to submit for a grant.

Hiring of Deputy Clerk: No applications have been received yet.

Other: Cottrell asked what is City's position on Holly Andersen as she has not resigned from the Library Board and is working at the Pool. Mayor answered that the City Attorney said that City cannot pay her as an employee as long as she is a voting member of the Library Board. Jane reported Holly has not been paid and is considered a volunteer just like Laney & Bobby who also put in many hours.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk