

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on September 3, 2024 6:37 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, Jeff Siegenthaler, Bob & Laney Frazer, Scott Osmundson, Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk), Garrett McLaughlin, Ed Hampe, Eddie Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Heisler motioned to approve the Agenda, previous month's minutes, bills and financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. The Agenda, August 6 Minutes, Bills and Financial Reports were Approved.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson, reported FD responded to 1 call for motor vehicle accident. ISO Report came back with 6 rating. Scott did say that water supply does help determine the rate. Sweet Corn Days' raffle's profit was \$ 8500. Scott asked Council if they would allow to increase the roster from 20 to 22. The Fire Dept has a waiting list. Burnikel motioned to increase the roster to 22 with Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved to increase the Fire Dept's roster to 22.

Library Board: Board Chair Eddie Miller, reported a social event is coming up on Sept 7. Daycare outreach is starting with Library Director Janet, visiting the daycares twice a month. Janet is scheduled to visit the preschool at SALC every Wednesday. Book discussion is Sept 12, Bingo on the 21st. Special Movie for kids is Sept 16. Patrons served for June was 239 from Town & 273 Country. Patrons served for July was 89 from Town & 151 Country. Mayor read a request from the Library Board to approve the Library trustee of Terry Kirkpatrick, effective Sept 3. Heisler motioned to approve with Kalstabakken 2nd. Burnikel, Kalstabakken, Heisler, Levenson Voted Yes. Cottrell Voted No. Motion approved for Terry Kirkpatrick as Library Board Secretary.

Park & Rec Board: Laney Frazer, Board Chair, reported \$ 3,000 donations from LS Junior Club and \$100 from O'Henrys. Paul Anderson is going to come back and fix the deep end at the Pool, now that it is closed. Family Fun Night is scheduled Saturday, the 7th, showing the movie Gremlins at the Ball Field & games – starting at 6 pm. Laney is happy that the Pool has not had to tap into the \$ 24,000 early because of donations. Kendall & Laney felt quite a bit less water was used, the water stayed warmer and was easier to keep clean. The new sand in the filter assisted with this as well. Laney reported the Pool is thinking about changing the hours next year to 1 to 8 pm, working thru the supper hour.

Public Works: Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, asked Council to approve buying an Air Compressor from Mark Bowen for \$300. Burnikel motioned with Levenson 2nd to approve buying it for \$ 300. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved to buy hard-wired commercial Air Compressor from Mark Bowen for \$ 300. Kendall asked Council approval to buy fuel tanks, 1 diesel & 1 gas tank to be used for City's use. This would save the sales tax the City is currently paying. Discussion followed on how to keep the area free from spillage. Council asked Kendall to check into the regulations of what type of fuel can be used and how to safely store it. Kendall approved 2 building permits, Austin & Lynette Curtin for a fence and Casey's for signage. Kendall presented 2 applications for hiring part-time Public Works. Levenson asked if going to get rid of someone or is this additional? Jane reported that Kendall is still working more than 40 hours a week. Mitch is working less and Jeff had asked for less hours. Jeff is paid \$ 13/hour with Mitch at \$ 15.50. Burnikel motioned to raise Jeff's rate to \$ 15.50/hour with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved to increase Jeff Seigenthaler's rate from \$ 13/hour to \$15.50/hour. Levenson motioned to hire Don Ristau at \$ 13.00/hour and review his rate 3-6 months with Kalstabakken 2nd. Burnikel, Cottrell, Kalstabakken, Levenson Voted Yes with Heisler Voted No, objecting to the rate. Motion approved to hire Don Ristau at \$ 13.00/hour for part time

Public Works with reviewing his rate 3-6 months. Kendall asked for Council approval for Iowa Pumps Quote to repair Lift Station's pump at \$ 2,691.70. Levenson motioned to approve with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved quote for \$ 2,691.70 to repair Lift Station's pump. Kendall presented H & M quotes for additional camera & jetting sewer lines. Council asked Kendall to clarify what the quotes covered and to finish the Miller Street area. Kendall presented generator quotes from Hofland Enterprises. The quote of \$ 9,500 is for a used one & \$ 27,250 for new one. The used ones are from cell phone towers and don't have a lot of hours on them. This does not include the installation or transfer switches which are \$ 1,500 to \$ 4,200. The used one has a 6 month warranty. The amps will stay the same at 200 needed, even with bigger pumps. Levenson said that it will be more efficient and safer to use a generator instead of using the one on the tractor. Levenson asked for all of the charges so Council can make a more informed decision. Kendall brought 2 quotes to fix storm sewers at Walkers' Shop & Mark Tibbals'. Mehmert quoted \$ 2,950 to repair storm sewers & fix manhole cover on Howard. H & M's quote was higher. Levenson motioned with Burnikel 2nd to go with Mehmert quote for repair. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Mehmert's quote of \$ 2,950 to repair 2 storm sewers & fix manhole cover on Howard Street. Kendall reported the concrete should all be crushed in next 2 days. Street lighting on Main Street, Jane has a call into Alliant for a quote to re-do them. Kendall reported the photo eye is to the south of Johnson's Repair - 50 feet up. The broken wire is believed to be between LS Tap & Post Office. The last 3 do not light up currently. Jane had explored the solar options and the cells can't store enough power to light up all night. Levenson & Kalstabakken asked if lighting up Main Street is necessary all night. Jane mentioned for safety reasons, Main Street should be lit all night. Council is asking to wait for more numbers.

Tree Inventory & Tree Removal: Jane reported Jeff Siegenthaler counted 55 trees in the City, that need to come down. The City can apply for a grant for up to \$ 15,000 from Howard County Community Foundation. The grant is asking if the City is willing to put any City money towards this project. Levenson motioned for \$ 5,000 to be put towards the Tree Removal project with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Burnikel stated that we need to get quotes from more than Tarzan. Kendall said that Sterns has not called him back yet and Jane said that grant will require more than one quote.

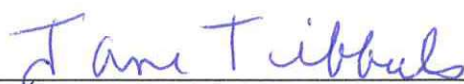
Jane's vacation: Jane scheduled vacation from Sept 19 thru 27.

Comments: Cottrell asked what was going to be done regarding the oil spill next door at Jim Hartzell's. Jeff Siegenthaler said it probably came from when someone pulled that motor out and moved it. Council is asking someone to contact Jim to clean it up. Cottrell asked Council about buying a boom truck and cutting the trees down ourselves. Discussion ranged from who would be driving the truck, who would be cutting, and where truck would be obtained from. Council and staff asked about insurance coverage and training. Council agreed that there is quite a few trees, but felt it would be best left to professionals.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.



Jennifer Kalstabakken, Mayor Pro Tem



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk