

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Community Center on September 3, 2024 5:30 pm.

Member(s) present: Jeff Burnikel, Jennifer Kalstabakken, John Heisler, Mike Leverson, Richard Cottrell with Jennifer Kalstabakken joining at 6:00 pm.

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

Visitor(s): Jeff Siegenthaler; Brody Malone (Emergency Management), City Engineers Drew Weber & Katie Sterk with Bolton & Menk.

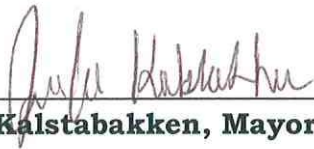
Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the Agenda with Leverson 2nd. All 4 present voted Yes. The Agenda was Approved.

Potential City Projects: Katie presented different Funding Options with an update on CBDG raised their limits to \$ 500,000 from \$ 300,000. State Revolving Fund, USDA Rural Wastewater & Water, WIFIA, Econ Dev Authority & WTFAP. She suggested to reach out to local rep Miller-Meeks' to be added to her Community Projects List. Katie plans to write up a memo and share the options with Upper Iowa Beef about Funding potentials. They had recently shared with her that they are still interested working with the City, but want to know that the City has funding available to start projects. This can be a circle, as City has to pick a project before can apply for funding. UIB did share with Katie that they are looking at option of supplying some of their own water thru a well, tho this may be untreated water with them still buying treated water from the City as needed. UIB also shared that they are still wanting to work with the City on Wastewater treatment as they expand with them also knowing that the City's current lagoon system is not adequate to meet their future needs. Katie touched on the recent DNR violations, some of them are due to record keeping and some are due to Ammonia limits and some due to a couple of other things. The City's facility was not designed for I & I. The City is complying with DNR requests, but also City is going to need an action plan going forward to avoid DNR enforcement. Katie had talked with Iowa Pumps regarding their monitoring & alarm system and she felt it would take care of what the City needs as far as flow monitoring. Jane asked if should get a competitive bid for comparison and Katie suggested Electric Pump. Kendall reported he spoke with WTR, which is where the current aerators came from. He quoted \$ 1800 for a sludge depth. WTR said the lagoon may need more bugs instead of more aeration. DNR has asked for more aeration. Katie suggested waiting for UIB before deciding if going with a more permanent or an interim solution. Drew then spoke about the wellhouse building and said he would like to meet with contractor & Kendall. Kendall reported that Northway thought the smaller raw waterline is causing the pumps to work less, and Katie agreed to wait until that is in, to have pumps checked out. Katie then spoke about increasing the annual water permit to 75 million gallons. Cottrell asked if the City needs to continue with the certified signer, as he didn't feel he has been doing his job with the recent violations. Katie reported that Kendall's certifications are not adequate yet for water, he is for wastewater, so City will still need someone to be the certified signer. Kendall reported that some of the violations were due to the excess storm water and Katie reported that the current lagoon system is not adequate for what is coming to it. Cottrell asked what the options are if UIB is not using City and Katie said she will re-send what was reported in June. Maggie reported that expenses would not decrease to cover the loss of income. To make up the loss, rates would be increased by \$52/month per water connection. Cottrell stated if UIB is not using then won't have to make the other changes. He continued that only thing needs doing is painting the water tower and put more aeration at the lagoon. Katie answered that the current tower rehab would cost \$ 400,000 to \$500,000, finish up the well work started and the other changes will be for the lagoon to bring it up to specs. These changes will be \$ 1-2 million. Katie continued that DNR is going to push for future limits to be taken care of at the lagoon, so the City will have to address these issues anyway. Heisler reported that he and Mayor spoke with Ed Greiman a

couple of weeks ago and understood that if UIB dug their own well, they will still purchase treated water and use the untreated water for other uses.

Emergency Management: Brody Malone spoke about Raycom wanting to update their system by adding another dish on the Water Tower. The added equipment should weigh no more than 50 lbs. The updates will enable the street cameras to be remotely checked instead of manually coming onsite. Also this update will lead to all emergency personnel to be on same wave instead of different when they go to different sites. Brody confirmed that the additions would be added to the rails and not to the tower itself. Brody confirmed that this will be covered at their expense with some covered by grants. Brody stated that this would be completed by end of this year, planning October. Brody reported that if the water tower was down and equipment removed temporarily, they would have a work around. Burnikel asked if anything was down when the power was off couple hours earlier this week and he said there is UPS to last about 6 hours. By the time he came with a generator, the power was back up.

Leverson motioned to adjourn with Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm.



Jennifer Kalstabakken, Mayor Pro Tem



Jane Tibbals, City Clerk