

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Lime Springs Community Center on December 3, 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):** Jan Cray, Jill Tibbals, Scott Osmundson, Ed Hampe, BJ Fritcher

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Heisler motioned to approve the Agenda, previous month's minutes, bills & financial reports. Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 voted Yes. The Agenda, November 5 & 19 Minutes, Bills & Financial Reports Approved.

**Open Forum:** Jan Cray, Spring Ahead Learning Center rep, came with an additional bid for stripping old wax, cleaning & waxing floors at the child care center. Previous bid from Heartland of \$ 1,637.10 was presented in Oct. Jensen Brothers of Elgin, IA's bid is \$ 4,500.00. Jan is asking City to pay half or all. Both bids included doing the work on weekends, so as not to interfere with daily activities. Council seemed interested in paying part, and asked it to be put on agenda for next meeting for approval.

**Fire Dept:** Fire Chief Scott Osmundson, reported 0 calls for November. 2 Firefighters are starting training classes Wed. night in Chester.

**Library Board:**, Jennifer Kalstabakken read the Library's report, as no Library Board member was available. Library Board sends their thank you for getting the outside light fixed. November's Silent Auction closed with 122 items and 29 registered bidders. They will be discussing Officers at their Dec 4 meeting. The wishing tree was at Xmas in LS. Cake Decorating contest ends Dec 13. Xmas movie was shown Dec 2 to school age. Various activities, including game night, Coffee Connection, Color Me Calm, Handy Circle, Story Xmas Party for preschoolers, bingo, book discussion and movie were listed. Patrons served for October included 205 Town and 201 Country.

**Park & Rec Board:** BJ Fritcher, representing St Paul's Lutheran Church, reported the abstract was found and Mayor took to City Attorney to start paperwork on moving the ballfield and playground area to the City. BJ reported the Church will ask for an official vote from their congregation at their semi-annual meeting in January.

**Public Works:** Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, reported all streetlights on Main are now fixed. 2 outlets on Center Street were modernized. He reported a building permit was approved for Tammy Tienter for a dog fence. Kendall reported the SD card didn't work for the tree dump cameras, they will not record manually, will have to sell the cameras and try something else. Mayor suggested looking at what the Fish & Game used. Kendall reported cement slab needs a bit more time to cure before Well houses' generator can be placed and hooked up. Cahoy is tentatively scheduled for first half of January to replace the West well pump with a submersible pump at a bid of \$ 25,820. The televising and disinfection is an additional charge of \$ 7,905. Cahoy plans to start on a Friday and UIB will be notified in order to schedule accordingly. Cottrell asked about pump levels in case of a drought as well as if there is any problems with the water table. Kendall answered that the well techs researched and checked everything in person. Kendall continued that he and Rick also spoke with Bolton & Menk engineers to get their opinion. Kendall reported he researched Aquastore Tank as a possible solution instead of adding another water tower. Great Plains Structures of Vadnais Heights, MN sent 3 options for sizes. Sizes include 200,000 gallons, 290,000 gallons and 490,000 gallons. Prices are \$350,000; \$ 400,000 and \$ 525,000. These are above ground tanks made of glass-fused-to-steel that never need painting. The tanks resemble shorter Harvestore grain bins. They told him that Webster City has had one for over 42 years. Ionia and Postville also have them. Kendall reported that Hansen Tire scheduled the City truck's brakes on the 10<sup>th</sup> and then Decorah Ford the next day for the error codes.

**Riceville Day Care Donation:** The Riceville School's Day Care contacted the City of Lime Springs to donate for a building project. Council Jennifer Kalstabakken and City employee Kendall Fox's children go to this daycare. The daycare is asking all parents' employers to donate money to their project. Council felt this would not benefit City of Lime Springs directly, so are saying no to the donation.

**Resolution 12032024-1, Pay Raise for Jane Tibbals:** Heisler motioned to approve resolution for pay raise from \$ 18/hour to \$ 19/hour. Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Heisler, Burnikel, Levenson and Kalstabakken voted Yes. Cottrell voted No. Motion approved for Resolution 12032024-1 for a pay raise for Jane Tibbals, from \$ 18.00/hour to \$ 19.00/hour effective December 1, 2024.

**2025\_2026 Budget & Property Sharing with Entities:** Park & Rec came to the budget workshop and said that they could work with what they got last year for Parks and Pool. The potential of replacing or repair of the roof for Fire Station/Community Center was discussed and decided to address roof when it becomes a problem, rather than give money for in case it happens in next year. Scott Osmundson reported that the Fire Dept didn't have any projects needing immediate funds. Kalstabakken suggested giving the 5 entities another \$ 300-500. Jane reported she had asked Library Director – Janet DeVries and she reported the Library don't have any big projects planned. Cottrell expressed that everyone should get a raise, but also agreed that the City has lots of projects coming up. Heisler brought up the expense of sidewalks that need to be replaced. Levenson said that he would rather use the money for City projects. Burnikel mentioned that if anyone needed more money than what was budgeted, they could come to Council, similar to what the Pool did, and it could be amended at that time. Levenson motioned to leave the splits the same as last year with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Levenson, Burnikel, Cottrell and Heisler voted Yes. Kalstabakken voted No. Motion approved for the entities' shares to be: \$ 6,000 for Community Center; \$ 12,000 for Fire Dept; \$ 23,000 for Library; \$ 7,000 for Parks; and \$ 24,000 for Pool with rest going to the General Fund. Council went thru the income and expense lines of the Budget forms. Kalstabakken reminded that previously it was decided to raise the rates every year. Burnikel asked if should raise taxes instead of rates. Jane asked about raising the Yard Waste Fee, which is to help maintain the tree dump and take down trees. Garbage has it in their contract to raise the rates every year. Most of the line items stayed the same as last year and decided to wait until projects are bid for a few of the expense lines.

**Other:** Rick had someone ask him if a building permit was necessary and after the information was found out that the 2 or 3 sided structure is going to be on skids, the answer is that buildings on skids are not permanent structures and building permits are not necessary. Question was asked if City can remove the abandoned building over by the Water Tower. Kendall will check to see if any of the current outlets are live and get them terminated if need be.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm.

---

**Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor**

---

**Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**