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 January 7, 2025 6:30 pm.

Member(s) present: Jeff Burnikel, Jennifer Kalstabakken, John Heisler, Mike Leverson, Richard Cottrell
City Employees: Kendall Fox (Public Works Director), Jane Tibbals (City Clerk)
Visitor(s): Jill Tibbals, Scott Osmundson, Jeff Siegenthaler, Garth Foley, Bob Frazer, Laney Frazer
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.
Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the agenda, previous month's minutes, bills & financial reports. Leverson 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. The Agenda, December 3rd Minutes, Bills & Financial Reports Approved.
Fire Dept: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson, reported 0 calls for December. Scott reported 13 reportable calls for 2024. He reported Fire Dept had elections with Scott voted as Chief for another year; Assistant Chief Matt Leverson; Safety & Medical Director Mike Leverson; Training Officers Jeff Hovde & Jason Hammon and Secretary Dan Gibbs. Fire Board started over with 3 @ 5 year terms & 2 @ 2 year terms. January 18 is Soup Supper & Raffle at LS Community Center 4 to 7 pm & Dance at LS Tap from 8 to 12 pm.
Library Board:, Jennifer Kalstabakken read the Library's report, as no Library Board member was available. Listed were many activities in February including Warm Reads starting Feb 1 – March 31; Feb is Library Lovers month; Snowman Contest starting Feb 1 – March 31; Lego Program; Bingo night; Book Discussion; Special movie; Valentine's Party with Story Hour. Patrons served for November was 186 Town & 188 Country. Patrons served for December was 171 Town & 126 Country.
Park & Rec Board: Laney Frazer, Board President, reported results of grants $ 175 from Oneota for Ball and $ 2,356.27 & $ 10,553.35 from Howard Co Community Foundation for doors at both Ball Field Concession & Pool. She reported $ 500 donation from Kent Cassidy. She is working on more grants. She explained that doors include bathroom & concession doors, keyless entry, safety push bars & screens.
Public Works: Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, reported K & W Coating repaired the frost jacket on the Water Tower. He reported the West Well's pump was replaced over the prior weekend. He took bacteria samples down on Sunday @ 10 am & by Monday 9 am, results were called that the samples were good and turned the pump back on for use. Kendall reported a penny sized hole was found in the old pipe pulled up, which was causing water to be lost. New submersible pump is at 126 foot depth. Cahoy submitted the bill at the estimate of $ 33,725, which included pump, labor, plus disinfection & televising. Kendall reported that the generator by the Well houses is set on the cement and electricity & propane will be temped in until Spring when lines will be dug in. Broken light on Main Street was discussed with possible solutions. One suggestion was to check with Cresco to see if they have parts. Kendall asked if there could be an addition to Building Ordinance regarding portable buildings. Clarifications regarding on skids or not, how anchored down, limiting size, how far from property lines. Council asked Kendall to contact homeowner and find out more information regarding the most recent inquiry and also asked to revisit Ordinance. City truck is scheduled at Decorah Ford for maintenance from Jan 13-17. Estimate was given at last meeting of $ 8500.
Howard Winn Schools' Giving Back to Community Day: The school has asked the City for tasks for the youth to help out on April 28. Laney is working on a list which includes cleaning up parks and getting pool ready. Rick asked Kendall for a list to include painting lines or anything else that he may think of and to get the info to Jane before end of the month.
Lewis asking for windshield repair bill from fallen branch: Council is saying not City's responsibility, as should be covered thru car insurance.

Helping Services asking for donation: Jane reported City donated a couple of years ago, but said no last few years. Council discussed that didn't see benefit for Lime Springs so are denying it this year.
Spring Ahead Learning Center cleaning & waxing floors: SALC had presented 2 estimates for cleaning & waxing floors with least expensive at $ 1637.10 with tax. Heisler motioned to pay $ 800 towards this bill with Leverson 2nd. Burnikel, Leverson, Kalstabakken & Heisler voted Yes with Cottrell voted No. Motion approved for $ 800 to be paid towards their bill for cleaning & waxing SALC's floors.
City Web Page: Keith Williams has been maintaining a web page with some City information on it. He would like to retire from this task and is asking the City if they want to take it on and change it to a City Owned web page. He said that currently he has been able to get most done in about 2 hours a month. It was discussed that it may be beneficial for the City to have the control over and also add more information on it. Jane will get more information such as costs to maintain the platform, how to add more to it and make changes. He did add that Word Pres is the platform currently used. Currently Iowa law still requires City to publish the minutes in a newspaper, so publishing cost will not change. However, there is legislation out there to change these requirements.
Other: Cottrell asked what is being done regarding past due accounts. 2 items listed are old fire calls and Council agreed to write them off. Council asked for fines to be assessed to taxes where possible.

Leverson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor **Jane Tibbals, City Clerk**