

Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick called the special meeting of the City Council of the City of Lime Springs to order in the Lime Springs Community Center on March 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

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

Absent: Jeff Burnikel,

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

Visitor(s): Jill Tibbals, Jeff Siegenthaler, Katie Sterk (Bolton & Menk).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Jane stated the agenda needs to be amended to exclude the Hazard Mitigation Plan as it is not available. Heisler motioned to approve the amended agenda with Kalstabakken 2nd. All 4 Present Voted Yes. The Agenda was Approved.

Bolton & Menk: Katie Sterk, City Engineer, presented their Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) regarding Water System Improvements. This report reflects the current water demands and projected water needs. The FIRM capacity is 205 gallons per minute. FIRM = capacity with biggest well out of service. Currently the FIRM capacity required is 272 gallons per minute. Current system is 300,000 gallons short on storage. Katie proposed improvements of constructing another well, adding 2nd water tower, rehabbing current water tower and adding loop. Katie brought LRE Water proposal. LRE Water's proposal includes assessing current water sources, evaluate and target aquifers and potential well sites. This proposal is quoted at \$ 9,800. Jane requested this proposal to be billed thru Bolton & Menk. Cottrell suggested the City owned lots on Willard as well as the ballfield for potential well locations. It was explained that the further 3rd well location is, then have to pump to other wells, in order for all wells to be mixed and treated before distributed. Katie presented a change in rate structure. The current Flat rate structure has the Commercial customers paying 70% of the costs, but they are using 87% of the water. The proposed Tiered rate structure has Commercial customers paying 85 to 87% of the costs, to make it fairer for everyone. The Tiered rate is also known as a Conservation rate structure as it encourages residents to be conscious of their own water use. Katie suggested that one of the proposed rate structures or a combination of, be in place before applying for grants and loans. Levenson motioned to approve Bolton & Menk to submit the PER along with scheduling LRE Water. Heisler 2nd. All 4 present Voted Yes. Motion approved. Council discussed and decided to discuss rates further before making final decision on rates and timelines. Council asked where is the City at with Wastewater plan and Katie stated that plans were presented to Council about 2 years ago, but there was no direction or plan decided upon with the options that were presented at that time. Cottrell mentioned Dow City Iowa has a new program and Katie expanded that there is a pilot program for wastewater treatment to be tested in Dow City that everyone is watching. Council questioned if UIB doesn't agree to the new tier pricing what is the next step or if City is not approved for the funding needed to make the proposed changes. Katie stated then City will have to limit how much water is available for sale as if can't produce it, then can't sell it.

Kalstabakken motioned to adjourn with Levenson 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk