

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 April 1, 2025 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): Jeff Siegenthaler, Jill Tibbals, Pat Lepa, Garth Foley, Eric Munkel, Matt Levenson, Scott Osmundson, Laney & Bob Frazer, Pat Boyle.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Heisler motioned to approve the agenda, previous minutes, bills & financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. The Agenda, March 3, March 4 & March 26 Minutes, Bills & Financial reports Approved.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson reported LSFD responded to 1 grass fire. Scott asked for Council approval of a 2004 Freightliner Tanker truck to add to the Fire Dept. LSFD had put in an offer of \$ 120,000 for one. The Fire Dept has the money in the Special Revenue Fund. Burnikel motioned to approve with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved if their offer is accepted.

Park & Rec Board: Board Chair Laney Frazer congratulated City employee Jeff Siegenthaler on obtaining his Certified Pool Operator Certificate. She reported new doors on at the Pool, waiting for screen doors. Kendall & Jeff are working on pipes in the pump house. The Board is planning a 70th Anniversary Party at the Pool on July 26. St Paul Grant was received for a freezer & deck chairs. Softball coaches lined up are: Ethan Kraft, Jason Hammon, Annamae Levenson, Holly Andersen, and Derek Sobolik. Softball sign-ups will be later this month. They are obtaining estimates for more lights at ballfield. Balk quoted \$ 153/load for lime with 2nd load free if needed. Grove Eats is booked for Sweet Corn Day weekend at Ballfield. Marcia Wells volunteered for Ballfield concessions. Received \$175 from Oneonta for game balls. Brown Park clean-up day scheduled for April 4. \$400 St Paul Grant for Popcorn Popper for Ballfield received. Crestwood Volunteer kids scheduled for April 28. Kelly Olson working on Mother's Day Lunch on May 10. Pool applications received are: Rose Niewoehner, Kelsey Adams, Clara Keller, Kelly Miller, Christina Gibbs, Piper Jessen, and Ally Freidof. Tentative rates are Guards at \$ 12/hour with WSI @ \$12.50, Asst Manager @ \$13/hour & \$ 14 for Manager. Levenson motioned to approve the applicants with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for pool applicants received with final job responsibilities and rates to be determined closer to pool opening. Cottrell asked if Park & Rec would consider building something on School Park cement over the basketball hoops for kids to do in Winter? Or another building?

LRE Well Siting Assessment: Levenson motioned for Bolton & Menk to add the LRE's proposal to Bolton & Menk's Task Order with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motioned approved for LRE's proposal for \$ 11,000 to be added to Bolton & Menk's Task Order.

Public Works: Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, reported he has quotes coming for replacing lights on Main Street. Options are putting lights on Library building, pole by CIA and adding a pole in Kitchen Park. Burnikel asked that the broken pieces be removed for safety reasons. 1 inch manual meter to be replaced, Council is in agreement that the standard is not going to be changed to 1 inch since no one else has asked for it or expressed problems with water pressure. Kendall presented options to change current 1 inch manual meter to standard 5/8 inch is going to require adapters and a plumber and 2nd option to change 1 inch to electronic 1 inch meter is \$115 approx. more for bigger meter. Council asked Kendall to present the 2 options to homeowner with the homeowner making the choice. Kendall reported the Library/Shop boiler's low water valve needs to be ordered yet and then will be done and for the SALC's boiler the Fuel Burn Report needs to be completed yet. Kendall reported he ordered another electrical bid for the wellhouse generator. The previous electrical bid was received but electrician not getting it done, Council is in agreement that if new bid is lower, to just get

it done, but previous bid not remembered – will look up prior to next meeting. Work Comp insurance recommended that City adopt a Safety manual that there is on the insurance's web site. Jane will have more info for April 22 meeting. Kendall asked Council to approve up to 21 loads of gravel City to maintain Howard Street and Center Street to West Street. Council asked if Mehmert going to laying the rock or if Kendall as the City equipment not big enough to handle. Council not approving the 21 loads of rock. Burnikel asked that S Miller from E Main going South also be looked at. Kendall to ask Mehmert for dirt for boulevards to fix regarding water main and storm water breaks. Council asked for gravel to fill in on corner of Miller and Sage Streets. Cut outs on N Miller – put gravel instead of cement, with other cut outs at Franklin & Forest, Forest & Merrill, Clark Street & Grant Street still to be fixed by cement. Council asked about trees, as Underwood, who had the lower bid, has not showed up yet, after Kendall has contacted them a couple of times. Council debated how much longer to wait and decided they had waited long enough and asked Kendall to contact Tarzan to start and to start at the ballfield. Jane heard that City of Calmar may have some aerators for sale and Kendall said that the panel could put 2 more in at the lagoon. Kalstabakken motioned for City to purchase up to 3 of them from Calmar if they are in working order and if they can be purchased for \$ 1500 total with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion Approved for up to purchase of 3 additional aerators from City of Calmar for no more than \$ 1500. Kendall reported beavers out at lagoon again. Kendall reported the sand in the lift station at the lagoon will be pumped out by H & M. Tractor blade replacement, Kendall asked if this was approved previously. Levenson asked if a pusher for the front of the tractor would be better instead of the blade. The current blade is cracked. Mayor suggested to check out a couple of options.

Betterment Foundation & Music in the Park: Pat Boyle is asking Council to approve 3 dates of closing Main Street for Car Shows and Music Shows in Kitchen Park. Pat reported last year's attendance averaged 300 plus for these nights. Burnikel motioned to approve the dates of June 12, July 17, & Sept 11 with Levenson 2nd. Cottrell Voted No because of the "spin outs" of the car shows and possible danger. Matt Levenson mentioned that this is not a City problem but a law enforcement problem and to contact the sheriff's office. Cottrell answered that the City is billed \$ 50/hour. Jane reported that the City is not billed except at Sweet Corn Days for extra enforcement when City requests it. Heisler, Burnikel, Levenson & Kalstabakken Voted Yes. Motion approved for Main Street to be closed for Community Nights Out between 3:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Jane will contact the sheriff's office ahead of time so they are aware of the dates and times.

Maybelle, Expansion on Pantry: Jane explained that City has been approached by Cecelia Fluegge as a drop to include another cupboard to drop items for charity distribution. Council felt there is no room either inside or outside right now for this.

Send Accounts for Taxes – Resolution 04012025-1: Kalstabakken motioned to approve the 3 accounts with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved to send the 3 delinquent accounts for taxes.

Dogs, Enforcement of Ordinances: Council asked if water could be shut off because of dog fines, contact City Attorney to clarify or if can change ordinance for enforcement.

Set Date for 2025_2026 Budget Public Hearing: Levenson motioned for April 22, 2025 at 5:30 pm with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Public Hearing 2025_2026 Budget at 5:30 pm on April 22, 2025.

Set Date for Amendment for 2024_2025 Budget Public Hearing: Levenson motioned for April 22, 2025 at 5:30 with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Public Hearing for Amendment for 2024_2025 Budget at 5:30 pm on April 22, 2025.

Water & Sewer Rate Changes: Levenson motioned to go with option 1 of the Tier pricing for water with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved with water rates effective July 1, 2025. Jane reported that Hawkeye's contract with the City automatically raises the garbage rates 3% effective July 1, 2025. Cottrell motioned raise the sewer rates the minimum 5% with the usage rate 3%. Heisler 2nd. All 5

Voted Yes. Motioned approved with sewer rates effective July 1, 2025. Details will be sent with next City's bills.

Other: Pat Lepa asked about the trucks on Jackson Street. This has been discussed previously with no decisions.

Leverson motioned to adjourn with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 8:23 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk