

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 April 22, 2025 5:30 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, Laney Frazer,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the agenda with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. The Agenda Approved.

Public Hearing: Heisler motioned to close the meeting and go into Public Hearing for Budget adoption. Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Public Hearing opened at 5:31 pm for comments. No comments.

Levenson motioned to close Public Hearing and re-open meeting with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes.

Meeting re-opened at 5:32 pm. Kalstabakken motioned to approve Resolution 04222025-1 to approve the 2025_2026 Budget with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 Approved.

Public Hearing: Kalstabakken motioned to close the meeting and go into Public Hearing for Amending the current year's Budget with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Public Hearing opened at 5:33 pm for comments. Jane explained that the current budget was being amended to exclude the Merrill Street Bridge project and to add the recent Fire equipment purchase. Levenson motioned to close the Public Hearing and re-open meeting with Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting re-opened at 5:37 pm. Kalstabakken motioned to approve Resolution 04222025-2 to approve the Amended 2024_2025 Budget with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. The Amended Budget for 2024_2025 was approved.

Hiring for Pool: Board Chair Laney Frazer presented 4 applications for Pool: Claire Kach, Kristen Frazer, Bryleigh Slavin and Maryn Hvitved. Kalstabakken motioned to approve the applicants with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved hiring the 4 for pool.

Trees: Tarzan has started to take down trees from the City's list and homeowner Scott Jenkins asked that his tree be excluded, and not be taken down, tho he said if it needed to be trimmed, he would be ok with that. Council asked if Scott can submit something either in writing or from his insurance stating that the City will not be held responsible for any liability and then the City check with City's insurance and decide at another meeting. The tree appears to have been cabled by a tree service already to help keep it off from Jenkins' house.

Building Permit: Kendall approved 2 separate building permits for Emerson & Julia Leid for cement. 1 permit is for patio approach for house and 2nd one is for cement to shed. Kendall said he didn't see any problems with either one, except one may need to cut into the street. The Leids didn't know if both projects would be completed this year or not.

Beavers at Lagoon: Kendall reported beavers at lagoon, he was given contact to trap them. He also asked about rocking back further and was told to contact Mehmert to rock and build a roadway.

Flower Watering: The water buggy is currently in the shop, Burnikel will follow up. Jane reported that flowers normally come before Mother's Day and Jarry Hughes has already been told not to put any on Merrill Street due to upcoming street project. Mayor said that he will contact Jarry regarding the light poles on Main Street. Heisler asked that Kendall fix the loose bolts on light pole in front of KCDs.

Generator Load Estimates: Kendall presented quotes from Ziegler and from Interstate Power Systems. Ziegler quoted \$ 5,245 for the remaining 3 generators as the generator at the daycare/storm shelter building has already been done this year. Ziegler's quote also included a \$ 820 trip charge. Interstate Power quoted for 3 years for all 4 City generators with \$ 4,44.60 for 2025; 2026 @ \$ 4,437.20 and \$ 4,629.80 for 2027, with no trip charges listed separately. Levenson motioned to accept Interstate's quote with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Interstate Power's quote.

Lighting: Kendall presented Bob's Electric proposal adding 2 lights attached to the outside of Library building for \$ 1,143.24. Kendall explained these would be put on each side of the SW Corner of the Library. Levenson motioned for City accept the proposal for \$ 1,143.24. Cottrell asked about adding solar lights as these lights will not look like a village. Cottrell continued that he had seen sectional pole lights on Amazon for \$ 209. Mayor said that those type of lights would not stand up nor give adequate light. Heisler said that long range he hoped that the City would repair the sidewalks on Main in next 5 years and with new street lights. Heisler 2nd the motion for Bob's Electric. Burnikel, Heisler, Levenson and Kalstabakken Voted Yes. Cottrell Voted No. Motion Approved.

Year End Money Transfers: Jane presented 4 loans that are due before end of June. She also pointed out that 2 of the funds reflected negative on the balance sheet as of March 31. Council discussed the loan allocations and spending. Jane mentioned that Kendall's timecards reflect overtime and she understood that overtime is automatically authorized for emergency snow removal and watermain breaks, but didn't recall having many of those recently. Kalstabakken stated that overtime is to be preauthorized before working it and this is Kendall's reminder. Levenson motioned to transfer \$ 15,000 from General Operating Fund to Road Use Tax Fund and \$ 1,500 from General Operating Fund to Spring Ahead Learning Center Fund. Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for 2 fund transfers. Heisler & Burnikel stated that they want to see Spring Ahead Learning Center's financials before any decisions are made regarding spending money on that building. Council has asked a couple of times and Jane said that she will ask. Jane will follow up with City Attorney now that tax season is done to see if City can change status of SALC/Storm Shelter building.

Upper Iowa Explorerland & City Energy Cost Savings: Council not interested at this time.

Safety Manual: Work Comp insurance audit recommended the City adopt a safety manual. Jane used the template from the insurance website. Levenson motioned for the City to adopt a safety manual with Burnikel 2nd. All Voted 5. Motion approved. This is a manual in process, there are parts that needs to be expanded and improved upon.

Other: Heisler asked if the Jake Brake signs could be put up, Heisler said that he can check with Nick Rissman on guidelines. Jane mentioned that she is trying to schedule knee replacement surgery before end of May and is working with City employee Kim McKenzie to help cover office. Burnikel & Levenson asked about cameras for tree dump as garbage is being dumped out there.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Kalstabakken 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 6:37 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk