

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 May 6, 2025 6:30 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): Jeff Siegenthaler, Jill Tibbals, Garth Foley, Scott Osmundson, Laney Frazer, Eddie Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Heisler motioned to approve the agenda, previous minutes, bills & financial reports. Levenson 2nd. All 4 Present Voted Yes. The Agenda, April & April 22 Minutes, Bills & Financial reports Approved.

Fire Dept: Fire Chief Scott Osmundson reported LSFD responded to 2 calls. The tanker purchased, has been delivered & is now in service. All firefighters have been trained on the use the of the new truck.

Library Board: Eddie Miller, Board Chair, reported Library's Annual Memorial Day Program & Lunch is scheduled for May 26. Children's Book Week is May 5th thru 11th – register for a free book. SALC's 3 year old preschool visited the Library on a Field Trip. 2025 graduates, please bring in a picture to be displayed at the Library for the month of May. Eddie listed various activities coming up as children's Lego program May 5, Bingo on May 17, Movie for K-6 on May 19 & Book Discussion May 13. Patrons served for March was 186 Town and 358 Country.

Park & Rec Board: Board Chair Laney Frazer reported their board's annual Mother's day lunch is this Saturday with Kelly Olson taking charge. Please plan to support. Laney reported she spread the mulch in the parks. Heisler said Jim Kitchen painted the lines for pickle ball in Brown Park. Laney said the pool is going to celebrate their 70th anniversary on July 26 with free swim that day, bouncy house, DJ and a Food truck. Laney asked if Pool could borrow from Park Funds if they paid it back. Laney speculated there may be extra expenses for the Pool that were not expected. Jane reported that auditors don't really like funds borrowing from one to another, but also looking at the balances right now – not a lot of excess in either of those funds. She continued that half of the general fund for Parks would be used for mowing this year. She suggested if going to do this, to make sure the borrowing and paying back could be done in same fiscal year. Laney reported a returning guard application of Peyton Ullom was received. Kalstabakken motioned to approve Peyton's application with Heisler 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Peyton Ullom's application was approved.

Fire Proof Door between Library & Shop: Mayor Rick Kirkpatrick reported he and Council Heisler had discussed putting a couple sheets of sheetrock to block the current doorway. This would prevent direct access from the shop to the bathroom and from the shop to the basement under the shop/library building. Kalstabakken stated the fireproof door was what an architect had suggested during an inspection. Kendall suggested a rollup garage style door. Another suggestion was the fire proof door going between the Library and the director's office, as that may be more of a standard size door. Mayor volunteered himself and Heisler to come back with some hard number options.

Public Works: Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, reported the boiler inspection at the SALC has been completed now and has officially passed. The boiler for the Library/Shop was missing a part which has since been completed, but the official report has not been signed off and finished yet. Kendall reported the inspector needs to come back yet to finish. Council discussed tree in boulevard in front of Scott & Kelly Jenkins. Homeowners wrote a letter requesting Council to not cut the tree, tree previously was cabled. Council discussed and said that tree appears to be splitting tho not all the way dead yet. Levenson motioned to cut the top off the tree so not a danger to others and not a liability to the City with Cottrell 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motion approved to cut the top of the tree at Jenkins. Kendall had more trees to add to the list – 344 Willard and 118 Sage. He asked if Council was OK to add to the tree budget. Levenson asked that he look at the list and see if there were any trees to take

off from the list and substitute these trees in so in order to not increase what was already set aside for trees this year. Jane reported that City of Chester asked if they could bring some trees over to Tree Dump to be burned and Chester Fire Dept would help burn if need be and Jane asked that they coordinate this with LSF and with Kendall, so expect a call from Jeff Wendel. Kendall reported a quote from Iowa Pumps for a Control Panel for \$ 10,175.26. This is for the lift station by Casey's. Jane called and the technician said install and service call would be an additional \$ 2,500 to \$ 5,000. He also sent pictures reflecting dust and old wires in the current panel. Council discussed if a 3 sided covering over the lift station would help with this and if the covering could be built by Kendall & Jeff. Kendall said that Jeff is handy and he would probably be able to help him. Cottrell asked for a final number to include everything. One of the current issues of the lift station is that the alarms are not alarming and then the floats need to be started manually. This has required Kendall to come in after hours. Cottrell said that he would be willing to learn how to do this as a backup and made arrangements to meet Kendall to learn how. Rick presented Mehmert's quote for replacing storm sewer on Forest Street & W Merrill Street. This should be done before the County project from Casey's to Center Street is started, which is due to start in 2 weeks. The quote is \$31,746.80. Levenson motioned to approve quote for \$31,746.80 with Heisler 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motioned approved. 2nd quote from Mehmert for dirt work of \$ 4,321.50 is West Howard Street, Lincoln to Miller Street then Lincoln to West and then adding another \$ 500 to it for corner of Lincoln & Franklin by the condos where the water sits in the ditch. Levenson motioned for 2nd quote with Heisler 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motioned approved for \$ 4,321.50 with \$500 added and this one comes out of Water funds. Kendall presented County's quote for chip patching on Willard Street from Jones Street to Jackson Street for \$ 950.00. Levenson Motioned to approve with Kalstabakken 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motioned approved with funds coming from Road Use Fund.

Sale of City Land: City Council discussed the 2 City owned lots on Willard Street, and someone expressed interest in buying one or both. After discussion, Council felt they would like to see a structure on the lots that would improve the property tax base. Levenson motioned for the City to check into accepting potential proposals with Heisler 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motion Approved with Council asking Jane to contact Jason Passmore for direction.

Liquor License for LS Tap – AGKLE LLC: The business LS Tap has been sold to AGKLE LLC to be effective June 5, 2025. Heisler motioned to approve the liquor license with Kalstabakken 2nd. Heisler, Kalstabakken, Levenson Voted Yes. Cottrell Voted No. Motion for liquor license under LS Tap – AGKLE LLC was approved.

Clarification of Water & Sewer Rates: The updated rates were mailed with last water bills and the tiers were explained for water and the usage rates were clarified as per 1,000 gallons.

Other: Aeration was discussion at the lagoon. Kendall previously was directed to check with Postville regarding aerators they had for sale. Jane had found out the ones for sale are 10 hp where the current bubblers City of LS is using are 2 hp, so the higher hp should move quite a bit more water. Kendall didn't know if they would work in City's current system. Jane suggested he check with Casey Sebastian as she had spoken with him earlier and he felt they should fit in the panel or could even replace the current ones with these. Cottrell asked Kendall to check new prices so that he would have something to compare to. Kalstabakken suggested buying at least one to try. Kendall said that aeration is more for show to DNR.

Kendall Fox's Employment Evaluation: Council asked Kendall to be more aware of his time so that he doesn't go over 40 hours except for emergencies. Jane asked for more documentation and Council direction. It was acknowledged that Kendall has obtained his certifications and is getting \$ 4.00/hour more than when he started as he is earns \$ 1.00 more for each certificate obtained. Levenson motioned for \$ 1.00 more per hour to be effective May 12, 2025 with Heisler 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motioned approved for rate of pay from \$ 26.00/hour to \$ 27.00/hour effective May 12, 2025.

Other: Levenson asked Council to consider giving City Employee Jeff Siegenthaler a \$ 1.00/hour raise. Heisler motioned for an increase of \$ 1.00/hour with Levenson 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Motion approved for rate of pay from \$ 15.50/hour to \$ 16.50/hour effective May 12, 2025.

Levenson motioned to adjourn with Heisler 2nd. All 4 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm.

Rick Kirkpatrick, Mayor

Jane Tibbals, City Clerk