

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 May 15, 2025 5:30 pm.

**Member(s) present:** Jeff Burnikel, Jennifer Kalstabakken, John Heisler, Richard Cottrell.

**Absent:** Mike Levenson

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

**Visitor(s):** Jeff Siegenthaler, Jill Tibbals, Drew Weber (Bolton & Menk, City Engineer) Ed Greiman & Darin Koch (Upper Iowa Beef)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.**

**Agenda:** Heisler motioned to approve the agenda, with Burnikel 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 Present Voted Yes. The Agenda was Approved.

**Upper Iowa Beef & potential of drilling wells:** Upper Iowa Beef came to Lime Springs City Council seeking approval to drill one or two private wells for operational purposes only. Meaning the water would not be able to leave the premises and because the plant is in City limits, they will need City Council approval. They have already spoken with DNR and DNR has visited the site. Their plans included still using some City water for human uses (meaning bathrooms and showers) as well as some other clean up areas. In April 2025, the City of LS billed them for over 4.5 million gallons of water and with their new design they would have bought a bit over 1.4 million gallons. Shawver Well came to them with a design similar used at Prestige Farms near Eagle Grove that utilized private wells. City engineer – Drew Weber, did ask about well testing, meaning that the new wells source would have to be checked to make sure which aquifer(s) the wells are drawing from as well. These types of tests are normally done by a third party for source and more information. Burnikel asked what the impact of these wells could be on the current City wells and the City would need something in writing. Council asked if the new wells would have potential for fire hoses to be connected for fire safety and Ed answered yes. Burnikel asked if the City needed to continue with the Loop or not and the Loop was not for amount of water pumped, but because it is a closed system out to Caseys, UIB and Dollar General. Ed did confirm that their sprinkler system would still be hooked up to City water. Timeline was asked and Ed said that Shawver thought they had the approval from DNR and was ready to go last Monday, but is now delayed but Shawver thought about 1-2 weeks. The new addition should be completed by August 1 and after that, then the Fire Dept should come out and tour again to see all of the updates. Ed will check back with Shawver for their additional paperwork. Ed did say that Culligan is scheduled to handle the chlorination. Drew asked Council to look at their options and they will help City re-run the numbers. Previously City was looking at adding a Loop, adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> well, adding a 500,000 gallon water tower, and rehabbing current water tower. The City may also have to re-evaluate the rate structure.

**Patching on Willard Street:** Kendall is asking Council to approve another \$ 950 to finish up. Previously it was estimated at \$ 950 to do the whole project, but they appear to only got half way thru. Council discussed and decided to wait until August for rest.

**Sale of City Land:** City Council discussed the 2 City owned lots on Willard Street. Council asked Jane to send wording of a sample ad so it can be discussed at next meeting. They would like to see business plans or hear purpose of building, so the lots could generate property tax revenue.

**Other:** Lift Station at Casey's – get a 2<sup>nd</sup> quote for control panel replacement & install. Jeff Siegenthaler suggested steam cleaning the floats and pit. Jane suggested calling Iowa Rural Water.

Cottrell motioned to adjourn with Kalstabakken 2<sup>nd</sup>. All 4 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 7:03 pm.