

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 July 1, 2025 6:30 pm.

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

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

Visitor(s): Jeff Siegenthaler, Jill Tibbals, Bob & Laney Frazer, Alison Blaess, Rhonda Klapperich, Sonda Niewoehner (SALC's Director).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited.

Agenda: Burnikel motioned to approve the Agenda with changing order to SALC first, previous minutes & financial reports. Leverson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. The Changed Order Agenda, June 3 Minutes, Bills & Financial reports Approved.

Spring Ahead Learning Center (SALC) Lease: Sonda reported that SALC has been researching how to save money and the SALC agreed to Bob's Electric proposal to convert existing light fixtures to LED. SALC is asking Council to consider a 6 month lease at \$ 225 a month, which is up from the current \$ 150/month. Burnikel motioned for \$ 225/month lease for 6 months with Leverson 2nd. Burnikel, Heisler, Kalstabakken & Leverson voted Yes. Cottrell voted No. Motion approved for lease increase to \$ 225/month for 6 months (July thru December 2025) and re-evaluate in December.

Fire Department: Leverson reported in Fire Chief's absence that no fire calls this last month. A new set of Turn Out Gear just came in to replace old. LS Fire Dept plans to be in Cherry Grove Parade this week. FD is raffling off a 4 Wheeler at Sweet Corn Days – tickets at CUSB, any fire fighter and at City Hall. FD is helping this Saturday with crowd & traffic for Rita Roberts' Memorial 5K. FD recently served ribeye sandwiches for a tractor ride coming thru LS for over 30 folks as a fundraiser.

Library Board: Kalstabakken gave the Library report in Board Chair's absence. She reported that the Library's Summer Reading Program is ending July 2. 44 children registered for this year's program with special guests and activities each week. Prizes to be given at end and all received a new book. The activities included 9 attending Bingo, 45 attended Saige Fallon's Animal Program, 41 attended music with Maria Klingsheim, 7 attended mini golf, 42 attended Cindy Richard's Bee program. Adult activities include Monday & Thursday coffee groups. Humane Society is scheduled for July 12 for microchip & nail trim for pets. Bingo & Game nights are scheduled monthly. Patrons served for May was 166 Town and 152 Country.

Park & Rec Board: Board Chair Laney Frazer reported 3 evenings of ball games netted over \$ 1100 in food concessions. The batting cage is up with help from great volunteers. Laney turned in a written pool incident where a patron jumped off the board and then struggled. He was helped to the side by 2 other patrons. Laney asked Council to promote Kelly Miller from Asst Manager to Manager with a pay rate change to \$ 14.00/hour. Burnikel motioned to approve Kelly Miller as Pool Manager with a pay rate change to \$14.00/hour effective June 27. Leverson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved.

Public Works: Kendall Fox, Public Works Director, reported UIB's building permit for well digging reflected 4 feet from property line and the City ordinance states it should be 5 feet. Council asked Kendall to contact UIB to clarify property line to help them comply. Council asked that rock road maintenance be quoted by Mehmert's. Kendall said that he & Jeff can fill potholes, but many of these streets have more than potholes. Mayor to present list of all rock roads to Mehmert's for maintenance quote. Cottrell asked Kendall to make list of cutouts that need to be fixed for quote. City Engineer Katie Sterk sent Council a status update of City water & wastewater projects. Kendall reported the Lift Station results came back as COBD at 560 where the ordinance has 350 as recommended. Kendall continued that it may be a good idea to run these tests weekly for a month to check for consistency. He also stated that DNR has recommendations for lagoons but not for this lift station. Cost of running each test is \$ 45 to \$ 55 per test. Kendall reported the check valves are not closing all the way due to

grease or to being old. He suggested having Iowa Pump quote rebuilding or replacing these valves. Levenson suggested contacting Darin at UIB for his take on what is being sent to the lift station. Kendall to follow up with Bob's Electric repair for control panel that was approved at last Council meeting. Kendall reported the load tests for the 3 generators. The Wellhouse's tested OK. The Fire Station/Community Center's tested at 50%, but can't get at 100% load. Burnikel will be testing it more on Thursday. Kendall reported the Lagoon's did test load, but the control panel appears to have been struck by lightning on evening of the 25th and needs to be turned in for insurance. Levenson asked why the insurance claim wasn't filed the next day when discovered instead of now a week later when reported at Council meeting. Jane said she first heard about it when she read the report from Interstate who did the load test. The 6 aerators have been delivered from Calmar. Katie is working on DNR construction permit needed. Kendall had Bob's Electric look to quote on wiring them in and yes, we should be able to use all 6 instead of just 5. Kendall reported the City Truck was at Hanson Tire and they repaired a sensor on the brake pedal that fixed the brake light and other issues with lights on all the time and cruise. Hanson's wasn't able to fix the AC, which needs to be fixed by Ford. Levenson requested City vehicles be rinsed off once a week. Kendall reported Tarzan has 3 trees left on this year's list. Levenson reported Brad Johnson has a tree to come down in the blvd. tho Council is not sure if there is anything left in this year's fund. Kendall reported he had approved a building permit for Ted & Amy Robert's deck. Kendall has 2 other building permits that need more information before approving. Levenson asked if the manual meter has been replaced at Brian Bakken yet and Kendall answered no. Mayor reported lines will be painted on the new blacktop the same time as Granger road. Levenson reported that Brad Johnson volunteered to paint lines for crosswalks and parking on Main Street as Brad painted them before. Kendall reported the boiler inspection has not been completed at Library/Shop after he sent them the corrections unless they are waiting for the one annual one due in October. Kendall presented Mehmert's quote to prevent plugging at the lagoon. Levenson motioned to approve the quote at \$ 6,404.55 with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 voted Yes. Motion approved the quote to help prevent future discharge problems.

End of Year Transfer: Kalstabakken motioned to approve Resolution 07012025-1 with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved to transfer \$ 7,000 from Library's Special Revenue Fund to Library's General Fund.

Schedule of Fees_FY 2026: Kalstabakken motioned to approve Resolution 07012025-2 with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Schedule of Fees – 2025-2026.

Sweet Corn Days Liquor License: Kalstabakken motioned to approve liquor license for Sweet Corn Days with Burnikel 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Sweet Corn Days Liquor License.

Casey's Tobacco Permit: Kalstabakken motioned to approve Tobacco permit for Casey's with Heisler 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Casey's Tobacco Permit.

Dollar General's Tobacco Permit: Kalstabakken motioned to approve Tobacco permit for Dollar General with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Motion approved for Dollar General's Tobacco Permit.

Other: AC at Spring Ahead Learning Center has been diagnosed as being hit by lightning same time as lagoon panel. Johnson's quoted \$ 7,964.00 to replace. Council discussed and suggested to go with what insurance will cover and maybe go with a cheaper version without heat pump per Kendall's suggestion. Jane will contact insurance to see what is covered. Burnikel asked what is update on empty City lots on Willard and Jane answered that she has not heard anything back from Jason Passmore but can contact him.

Kalstabakken motioned to adjourn with Levenson 2nd. All 5 Voted Yes. Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm.