

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2021

The meeting was offered remotely due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Mayor Steven Dougherty called the Regular Meeting on to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present on roll call were Alderpersons Dwayne Gerl, Marilyn Sisson, Dave Hollo, Mark Brown, Kassidy Paine, Tim Wright (remote), Woodrow Street and Ray Kellenberger (remote). The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Recognition:

Fire Chief Holomy presented the Firefighter Commendation Award to Firefighter Mat Boston for responding to a call while off duty and performing life-saving care to an individual in cardiac arrest.

Other Business:

Alderman Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to accept the minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Alderman Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Sisson to direct the City Clerk to transfer funds from the city sales tax to the City's general fund to issue checks and authorize to pay the bills.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

Lake:

Ted LaBelle of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly reminded the Council that Endrizzi Contracting had made a request for additional payment for the additional excavation that was performed at Lake Lou Yaeger. LaBelle said that Endrizzi knew the elevations outlined in the contract, but they went beyond that when they did the excavation. Their original request was for approximately \$60,000. The new request which includes actual cost of labor and equipment is \$46,458.00. After brief discussion, no action was taken.

New Business:

Economic Development:

Alderman Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Alderman Street to approve a Resolution, Officer Certificate and all documents needed for the grant award for the Illinois Housing Development Authority Strong Communities Program grant.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Tourism:

Alderwoman Sisson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gerl to approve a Resolution providing reimbursement to the Litchfield Museum & Route 66 Welcome Center for one-eighth of one percent from the funds from the hotel operators' occupation tax for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year for a period of two years, expiring April 30, 2023.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Alderwoman Sisson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve an agreement between the City of Litchfield and the Litchfield Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Finance:

Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kellenberger to merge the working cash and utility account into one cash account at First National Bank of Litchfield with the understanding that this account will be resolicited to the local banks every five years.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Administration:

Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve a Stipulated Agreement 2114 with the Illinois Commerce Commission Transportation Bureau/Rail Safety Section for the safety improvement of highway-rail grade crossings of the BNSF Railway track on Ferdon Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Streets:

Alderwoman Paine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hollo to approve a bid from Rooters American Maintenance, Inc., for the amount of \$256,572.90 for the hot mix asphalt overlay and thermal paint markings for North State Street, from Union Avenue to Sargent Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Alderwoman Paine remarked that this is project is being paid with TIF funds.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Alderwoman Paine made a motion, seconded by Alderman Street to approve pay request #1 from Gelly Excavating and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$210,195 for work completed on the South Side Ditch Project and authorize the City Clerk to issue the check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.


Aye: Gerl, Sisson, Hollo, Brown, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

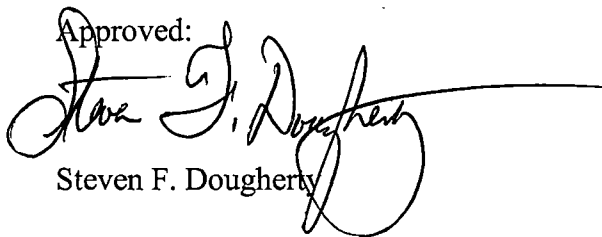
Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Having no further business, Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gerl to adjourn the regular meeting of the Litchfield City Council. The Mayor called for a voice vote, motion carried, and the regular meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Attest:


Carol E. Burke

Approved:

Steven F. Dougherty