

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 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.

Announcement:

Mayor Dougherty announced that City offices will be reopening on April 1 with restrictions following the guidance of the CDC.

Other Business:

Alderman Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to accept the minutes from the March 4, 2021 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Administration:

Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Paine to approve the renewal of health insurance for the city employees effective May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 with Blue Cross Blue Shield through Dimond Brothers Insurance. Shannon Hall presented the renewal rates which represented a 15% increase. There were no questions or discussion.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to to approve the sale of the following City property to William R. and Evia L. Dyer.

1007Walnut	parcel id 15-04-429-008	\$1,400
1009 S. Walnut	parcel id 15-04-429-009	\$1,400

1010 S. Walnut parcel id 15-04-430-003 \$1,700
1013 S. Walnut parcel id 15-04-429-010 \$1,400

City Administrator Flannery stated that the purchasers are aware of the easements and restrictions related to the South Side Ditch Project.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Economic Development:

Alderman Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gerl to approve the Downtown Façade Grant application submitted by ECCR Properties for the property located at 307 North State Street for an amount not to exceed \$2,593.85 contingent upon the Building Department granting final approval of materials used and work completed and to authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Lake:

Alderman Hollo made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve an operating agreement with American Shoreline Solutions for use of the Westlake Trail lakefront parking area in exchange for shoreline revetment or breakwater installation at Lake Lou Yaeger.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Finance/City Clerk:

Jereme Zook presented the proposed 2021-22 and 2022-2023 City of Litchfield Budget. After the presentation there were questions regarding the resolution directing the required percentage of reserves and how to increase the revenues. Zook indicated that the pandemic created a significant setback for the City's reserves. Flannery remarked that the Council will need to provide some direction on how to address, and that it could involve making some hard decisions. The budget will be on the agenda for approval at the April 1 meeting.

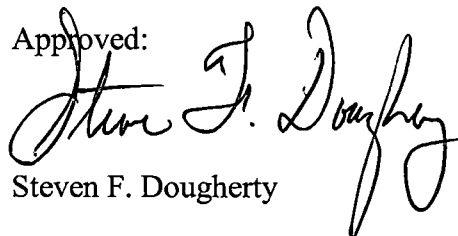
Having no further business, Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gerl to adjourn the regular meeting of the Litchfield City Council. The Mayor called for a voice vote, motion carried, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Attest:



Carol E. Burke

Approved:



Steven F. Dougherty