

**City of Litchfield**  
**Budget Hearing**

The City Council of the City of Litchfield, Illinois, does hereby give Notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023. The Public Hearing shall be held at 6:15 p.m. on April 7, 2022 at Litchfield City Hall, 120 East Ryder, Litchfield, IL 62056

**City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Litchfield City Hall**  
**April 7, 2022**  
**6:30 p.m.**

In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency, this meeting is open to the public in person and remotely by connecting online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84452811925> or call the following to participate by phone 1-312-626-6799, Meeting ID: 844 5281 1925.

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Pledge to Flag**

**Roll Call**

**Recognition of Visitors and Special Guests:** Recognition of Retirement of Volunteer Firefighter Bob Beechler.

**Appointment:** Swearing In Ceremony of Jeremy Heigert as a Volunteer Firefighter

**Public Participation Applicant Comments:**

**Other Business:**

1. \*\*\*A motion to accept the minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting.
2. \*\* to be passed only at the first monthly City Council meeting. A motion 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 and process payroll.

**Old Business**

No Old Business.

**New Business:**

1. **Lake – Dave Hollo** – A motion to approve the proposed Watershed Plan with rehabilitation alternative #5 RBC Service Spillway, Upstream Basin and Lake Dredging.
2. **Finance – Dwayne Gerl** – A motion to approve an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Litchfield for the fiscal year May1, 2021 to April 30, 2022.

3. **Wastewater Treatment – Dwayne Gerl** – A motion to adopt an ordinance establishing a 2-year plan to increase sewer rates 12% each year for fiscal years 2022-2023 and 8% for 2023-2024 to cover maintenance and operational costs.
4. **Administration – Woodrow Street** – A motion to approve the renewal of health insurance for the City employees effective May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023, with Blue Cross Blue Shield through Dimond Bros. Insurance. Shannon Hall to present renewal rates at the Council meeting.
5. **Administration – Woodrow Street** – A motion to approve a contract with Foster & Foster Actuaries to prepare actuarial reports for the Police and Firefighter Pension Funds that are in compliance with GASB 67 and 68 reporting for an amount not to exceed \$3,475 per plan and authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter.
6. **Administration – Woodrow Street** – A motion to approve an Ordinance for the renewal with the accounting firm Kerber, Eck and Braeckel – Jereme Zook, as the Budget Officer for the 2022/23 fiscal year as outlined in the original ordinance 2509 “Adoption of a Budget Officer” and authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter.
7. **Economic Development – Ray Kellenberger** – A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) and the Litchfield Community School District #12 and a Resolution of Support for the LLCC Truck Driver Training Expansion Project for the USDA RISE grant application.
8. **Lake – Dave Hollo** – A motion to approve Sloan Implement to do the repairs for the John Deere 5200 tractor at the Litchfield Lake Department. The estimated amount is not to exceed \$4,000 and to authorize the City Clerk to issue a check upon satisfactory completion.
9. **Lake – Dave Hollo** – A motion to approve pay request #4 from Haier Plumbing, Inc., for \$428,643.59 for work completed on the Lake Sewer Project and authorize the City Clerk to issue the check.
10. **Water – Dave Hollo** – A motion to reject all chemical bids and re-advertise for bids of water treatment chemicals for the upcoming fiscal year.
11. **Streets – Cassidy Paine** – A motion to approve pay request #3 from Rooters Asphalt, Inc., for the amount of \$28,267.16 for work performed on State Street and authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.
12. **Streets – Cassidy Paine** – A motion to approve a bid from Rooter’s Asphalt, Inc., for \$378,874.60 with contingency to upgrade the pavement on Old Route 66 from Union Avenue to Historic Route 66 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements.
13. **Streets – Cassidy Paine** – A motion to approve the solicitation for pressure washing and sealing of decorative cement for the downtown streetscape.

14. **Wastewater Treatment – Dwayne Gerl** – A motion to approve the proposal submitted by Korte Luitjohan for the replacement of the lagoon liner at the Wastewater Treatment Facility in an amount not to exceed \$364,823.80 and authorize the Mayor to sign documents relating to its execution.
15. **Building and Grounds – Mark Brown** – A motion to approve a mowing and trimming bid for mowing and maintenance of various city-owned property and derelict properties around the community.
16. **Administration – Woodrow Street** – Discussion regarding animal control.
17. **Administration – Woodrow Street** – Discussion regarding ordinance violations.

### **Executive Session**

A Motion to Enter into Executive Session, as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as found in Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 120, to address these certain and restricted items:

1. “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body...” (5ILCS 120/2(2)(C)(1).
2. “Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.” (5ILCS 120/2(C)(2))
3. “The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.” (5ILCS 120/2(2)(6)
4. “Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.” (5ILCS 120/2(2)(C)(11)

### **New Business:**

1. Possible action to follow