

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022

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

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

Promotion:

Following a brief introduction by Chief Kenny Ryker, Quincy Ferguson was sworn in as a Police Sargeant by City Clerk Carol Burke.

Other Business:

Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to accept the minutes from the December 16, 2021 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl 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.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Economic Development:

Aldersperson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Paine to approve a Resolution of Support and Commitment of local funds for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Rebuild Downtowns and Main Streets Capital Grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign the application documents

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Streets:

Alderson Paine made a motion, seconded by Alderson Hollo to approve Pay Request #3 from Rooters Asphalt, Inc. for the amount of \$25,715.00 for work performed on Weir Street and authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Police Department:

Alderson Wright made a motion, seconded by Alderson Street to approve an ordinance allowing the installation of stop signs at the intersection of Van Buren Street and Ryder Street, stopping traffic traveling north or south on Van Buren Street.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Alderson Wright made a motion, seconded by Alderson Brown to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford F150 Extended Cab from Morrow Brothers Ford under the State Bid in the amount of \$31,785 and to authorize the City Clerk to issue a check for the purchase.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment:

Alderson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderson Hollo to solicit bids for the replacement of approximately 120,000 square feet of Fabric (liner) for the first flush and surge basin lagoon, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Alderson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderson Hollo to approve Pay Request #1 from Haier Plumbing, Inc. for \$99,382.58 for work completed on the Lake Sewer Project and authorize the City Clerk to issue a check contingent on final review and engineer's approval.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Alderperon Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderperson Paine to approve the application and certificate for payment to Korte Luitjohan, for pay application No: 3, for an amount of \$51,432.93 for the wastewater treatment facilities chemical Feed Improvement Project, and to authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Alderperson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderperson Brown to approve the application and certificate for payment to Korte Luitjohan, for pay application No: 4, for an amount of \$111,659.22 for the wastewater treatment facilities chemical Feed Improvement Project, and to authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Lake:

Alderperson Hollo made a motion, seconded by Alderperson Gerl to approve a seventh amendment to the operating agreement with Grand Rental for boat rental services at Lake Lou Yaeger.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Alderperson Hollo made a motion seconded by Alderperson Brown to approve a proposal from CMT for \$59,000.00 for engineering services for the 16th Avenue Sediment Basin which is Phase 2 of the Lake Yaeger Watershed Implementation Project and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement contingent upon completion of the land swap.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Water:

Aldersperson Hollo made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to repair one of the filter turbidimeters by Hach Company for a cost not to exceed \$2,200 and to have the city clerk cut a check upon satisfactory completion.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Administration:

Mayor Dougherty announced that the due date for the additional ward inspections would be extended till March 1. These inspections would include all items not covered in the first round such as tarps on roofs, plywood on windows, porches that are down. He said that the first round resulted in a long list of violations and that letters requesting compliance would be sent out in the near future. He reminded the Council that the goal is compliance from the residents, not penalizing the residents.

Mayor Dougherty asked each aldersperson if they would be willing to inspect the wards in this second round, and all indicated that they would be willing. There was brief discussion after which City Administrator Flannery stated that grant funds will pay for the demolition of 8 houses in the near future and that another four will be after that. She also shared that a \$500,000 grant had been awarded that would assist multiple households in the community who had applied for the assistance.

Executive Session:

Aldersperson Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl 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:

“The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body...” (5ILCS 120/2(2)(C)(1).

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Sisson.

Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered into at 7:05 p.m.


Aldersperson Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to return to open session at 7:19 p.m. The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

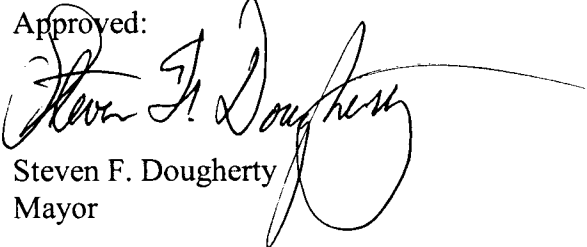
Nay: None.
Absent: Sisson.
Motion carried.

Having no further business, Alderperson Street made a motion, seconded by Alderperson Paine 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 7:20 p.m.

Attest:


Carol E. Burke
City Clerk

Approved:


Steven F. Dougherty
Mayor