

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 10, 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, Marilyn Sisson, Dave Hollo, Timothy Wright (remote), Cassidy Paine, Woodrow Street and Ray Kellenberger (remote). Absent: Mark Brown. The mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Recognition:

Sargeant Dan Evans was recognized for his retirement from the police department after 25 years of service. Code 10-42 was broadcast for Dan's final call. Mayor Dougherty then read a proclamation highlighting Sargeant Evans's service with the police department.

Appointment:

Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Paine to appoint Bill Burke to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Lisa Wright. Term to expire May, 2023.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown.

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Street 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, Sisson, Hollo, Paine, Wright, Street, Kellenberger.

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Wastewater Treatment:

Alderson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderson Sisson to approve Pay Request #2 from Haier Plumbing, Inc., for \$298,142.50 for work completed on the Lake Sewer Project and authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Alderson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderson Street to approve pay request #4 from Korte Luitjohan for the amount of \$158,575.88 for work done on the Wastewater Treatment Facility's Chemical Feed Improvement Project and authorize the City Clerk to issue a check.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Building and Grounds:

Alderson Sisson made a motion, seconded by Alderson Gerl to approve the beautification project provided by a local donor for an amount not to exceed a total of \$80,000 for associated expenditures and to contract Mike Klaves to water, weed and maintain the plantings.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Water Treatment:

Alderson Hollo made a motion, seconded by Alderson Street to authorize the advertising for bids of water treatment chemicals for the upcoming fiscal year.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Building and Zoning:

Alderson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Alderson Paine to direct the City Attorney to begin the condemnation and demolition process on 5 vacant residential structures with the pin numbers as follows:

Pin #10-33-280-006

Pin #15-04-185-024

Pin #15-05-233-014

Pin #10-33-137-006

Pin #15-04-403-003

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Streets:

Aldersperson Paine made a motion, seconded by Hollo to approve the contract renewal agreement for three years with Illinois Power Marketing Company, dba Homefield Energy and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Fire/EMS:

After acknowledging the outstanding job being performed by Chief Holomy at the Fire Department, Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Sisson to approve an Ordinance declaring various Fire Department items as surplus and to authorize the disposal by donation to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Administration:

Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Hollo to approve a government/municipal/public funds banking resolution for the Illinois CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant funds at Litchfield National Bank and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Sisson 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. "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))

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered into at 6:50 p.m.

Alderson Street made a motion, seconded by Alderson Gerl to return to open session at 7:11 p.m.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Alderson Street made a motion, seconded by Alderson Gerl to direct the City Attorney to seek an Administrative Warrant for fire code violations and potential illegal activity.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Absent: Brown.

Nay: None.

Motion carried.

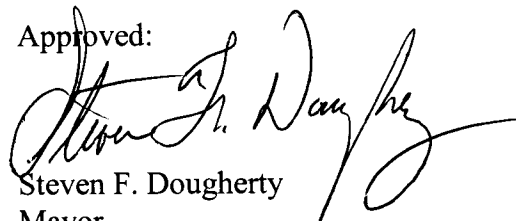
Having no further business, Alderson Street made a motion, seconded by Alderson Gerl to adjourn the regular meeting of the Litchfield City Council. The Mayor called for a voice vote, motion carried, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Attest:



Carol E. Burke
City Clerk

Approved:



Steven F. Dougherty
Mayor