

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 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 (remote), Mark Brown, Cassidy Paine, Woodrow Street and Ray Kellenberger. Absent: Tim Wright. The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Public Participation:

Via Zoom – Lori and Dean Brandt voiced their concerns about dogs running loose in town, stating that their outside activities are being limited due to these dogs.

Mayor Dougherty explained that by State Statute animal control is the responsibility of the County and therefore, the County is being negligent by not providing the service. He said that the County has stated they are only responsible for unincorporated areas. City Attorney Kit Hantla said that there have been discussions with the State's Attorney to reach a resolution. He said the City is and will continue to pursue a resolution including who is fiscally responsible for animal control.

Other Business:

Alderman Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sisson to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Administration:

Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to approve an agreement with CTI and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Finance/City Clerk:

Aldersperson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Kellenberger to approve an agreement with ArchiveSocial for an annual cost of \$2,988 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Gerl made a motion seconded by Aldersperson Brown to approve an Ordinance establishing July 1 as the renewal date for the following annual licenses: tobacco, video gaming, liquor, coin op, food truck and music box.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Abstain: Kellenberger.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Street to adopt an Ordinance, "Year Ending April 30, 2022 Budget Amendments" for the City of Litchfield.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Streets:

Penny Werner presented her request for a handicapped parking space on North State Street where her business Hometown Treats-n-Eats is located. There was some discussion, and the Mayor indicated that the City would look into the logistics of designating a handicapped space.

Aldersperson Paine made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Brown to accept a proposal for \$27,500 from Martin Engineering Company for engineering services necessary for the completion of the rehabilitation of West St. John Street and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Paine made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Hollo to approve an engineering proposal from Martin Engineering Company for \$95,100 for design, survey and project

administration for the reconstruction of Sargent Street, from State Street to Clinton Street, and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Paine made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to approve the purchase of GIS mapping equipment for water valves, water mains, meters, curb stops water breaks.

Inventory of sidewalks, signs, roads for an amount of \$4,006.48 and authorize the City Clerk to issue payment.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Police:

Aldersperson Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Paine to approve an Ordinance for the establishment of a 25 mile per hour speed limit for Arrowhead Lane, Westlake Trail and Ridge Drive and to place signage upon each of these streets.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Water:

Aldersperson Hollo made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to award bids of water treatment chemicals based upon the bid opening from April 20, 2022 rebid. Results are as follows:

Liquid Lime – Mississippi Lime

Carbon – Carb Pure

Liquid Polymer – Cedar Chem

Liquid alum, chlorine, ammonia, bisulfite bleach, softener salt – Brenntag

All other chemicals - Hawkins

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Lake:

Alderman Hollo made a motion, seconded by Alderman Street to approve a supplemental agreement between Crawford, Murphy & Tilley and Haier Plumbing for \$11,000 for additional

engineering services for the Lake Lou Yaeger Sanitary Sewer Force Main project and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Mayor Dougherty recognized Mark Brown for his service as the Ward 2 Alderman, and a plaque was presented.

Executive Session:

Alderman Street made a motion, seconded by Alderman 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 setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.” (5ILCS 120/2(2)(6))

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered into at 7:03 p.m.

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

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Alderman Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderman Paine to accept the bid of \$2,400 for the properties located at 1007, 1009 and 1013 South Walnut Street.

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

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The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Wright.

Motion carried.