

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

Regular Meeting Minutes

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 Marilyn Sisson, Dwayne Gerl, Sara Zumwalt, Josh Hughes, Cassidy Paine, Jacob Fleming, and Ray Kellenberger. Absent: Dan Newkirk. The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Mayor Steven Dougherty read a Public Works Professional Proclamation.

Appointment:

Aldersperson Gerl made a motion seconded by Aldersperson Paine for Henry Eilers to be appointed to the Henry Eilers Conservation Area/Shoal Creek Barrens Conservation Area for a 3 year term expiring May 2026.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Fleming made a motion seconded by Aldersperson Hughes to appoint Nancy Jones to the Tree Board for the term to expire May 2026.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Aldersperson Sisson made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Kellenberger, to accept the minutes from the May 4, 2023 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Streets:

Alderson Gerl made a motion seconded by Alderson Zumwalt to approve a motion to approve bid proposals for services from Litchfield Bituminous for \$86,912.32, DeLaurent Construction for \$19,086.75, Beelman Trucking for \$25,708.35 and Louis Marsch for \$100,050 for a grand total of \$231,757.42 for street maintenance during the annual 2023 oil and chipping street program and authorize the City Clerk to issue checks as work is completed by contractors. The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Alderson Gerl made a motion seconded by Alderson Sisson to approve the lowest bid from KRB Excavating of Trenton, IL for \$73,945 to replace the sidewalk to meet ADA guidelines and improve drainage along the north side of Union Avenue, between Monroe St. and State St. and authorize the City Clerk to issue payment upon satisfactory completion of the project.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Fire:

Alderson Hughes made a motion seconded by Alderson Gerl to approve the purchase of a used 2020 Red Ford Explorer XLT 4dr 4X4 from Victory Lane Ford for a price of \$35,005.

Approval for the upfit of lights and sirens to be completed in house by ordering equipment factory direct at a cost of \$2,100 and approval for the installation of a customer supplied radio from Mac's Fire & Safety at a cost of \$300. Also, to authorize the City Clerk to issue payment upon satisfactory delivery.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Alderson Hughes made a motion seconded by Alderson Sisson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Litchfield Fire Department and E-Environmental Solutions, LLC and authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Police:

Alderson Sisson made a motion seconded by Alderson Paine to approve the purchase of two 2023 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford for \$107,909.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Administration:

Alderson Zumwalt made a motion seconded by Alderson Gerl to authorize the purchase of the computers recommended for replacement by Zobrio in the FY 23-24 budget at a cost of \$9,633.14.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Water:

Alderson Fleming made a motion seconded by Alderson Gerl to authorize Durkin Equipment to supply and install the uninterrupted power supply for the membrane system at a cost of \$5,608.42 plus freight and installation.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Sewer:

Alderson Fleming made a motion seconded by Alderson Paine to adopt a corrective Ordinance clarifying a 8% sewer rate increase previously approved at the April 7, 2022 City Council meeting for fiscal year 2023-2024 to cover maintenance and operational costs.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Executive Session

Alderson Fleming made a motion, seconded by Alderson 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. "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))

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered into at 6:52 p.m.

Aldersperson Sisson made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Paine to return to open session at 7:04 p.m. The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Zumwalt made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to approve the Executive Session minutes from the May 4, 2023 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

Nay: None.

Absent: Newkirk

Motion carried.

Having no further business, Aldersperson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Sisson 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 7:05 p.m.

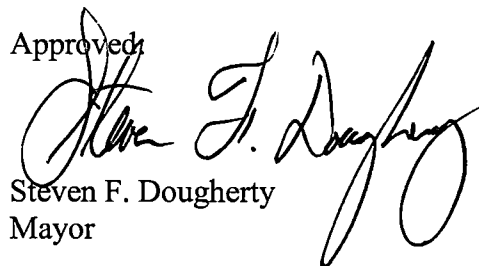
Submitted by: Connie Joyce

Attest:



Carol E. Burke
City Clerk

Approved:



Steven F. Dougherty
Mayor