

City of Litchfield
120 E. Ryder, Litchfield, Illinois
Public Hearing Minutes
July 15, 2021
6:15 pm.

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

Mayor Dougherty opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. Emily Fortschneider of Heneghan and Associates presented information regarding the close out of a Public Infrastructure Grant and an Economic Development Grant with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). There were no questions or comments. Hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.

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 Dwayne Gerl, Marilyn Sisson, Dave Hollo, Tim Wright, Woodrow Street and Ray Kellenberger. Alderpersons Mark Brown and Cassidy Paine were absent. The Mayor declared that a quorum was present.

Mayor Dougherty read a proclamation recognizing Jason Black on his retirement after 24 years of service to the City as member of the Police Department.

Other Business:

Aldersperson Sisson made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Wright to accept the minutes from the July 1, 2021 meeting.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Building/Zoning:

Aldersperson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to approve an ordinance amending requirement for zoning notices in the City of Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Street to direct the City Attorney to begin the condemnation and demolition process on 5 vacant residential structures with addresses of:

328 N. Illinois	pin #10-33-477-004
114 W. Sargent	pin #15-04-128-011
1403 N. Jackson	pin #10-33-177-007
524 N. Douglas	pin #10-32-432-003
504 E. Buchanan	pin #15-04-253-008

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Fire/Ambulance:

Pulled from the agenda: A motion to approve the Agreement for Assessment Services for Promotional Testing for the rank of Captain with the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association at a cost not to exceed \$12,102 for the testing of up to 6 candidates and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract and the City Clerk to make payment upon completion of all testing.

Administration:

Discussion was held regarding regulating the use of motorized bicycles in town. Concern over safety was expressed by several alderspersons. Chief Ryker and Attorney Hantla shared the legalities of enforcing regulations. Mayor Dougherty asked Alderspersons Sisson and Wright to meet with Chief Ryker and come back to the Council with recommendations.

Building/Grounds:

Aldersperson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Wright to approve a janitorial service agreement with Eagle Eye Commercial Cleaning, Inc., for cleaning services at the Carnegie Building and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Streets:

Aldersperson Hollo made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Wright to approve a Phase I Engineering Proposal from Martin Engineering for the rehabilitation of the intersection of Jackson and Hauser for \$7,500 and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Wastewater:

Alderson Gerl made a motion, seconded by Alderson Sisson to approve the purchase of a 50 horse-power Variable Frequency Drive and installation, for Primary Pump #1, at the Litchfield Wastewater Treatment Facility for \$7,374.00 from Illinois Electric Works.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Tourism:

Alderson Sisson made a motion, seconded by Alderson Street to approve the Litchfield Tourism Office to create a gift shop in its space within the Carnegie Building and authorize the purchase of items for sale for an amount not to exceed \$3,000.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Alderson Kellenberger 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 setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body." (5ILCS 120/2(2)(6))
2. "The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired." (5ILCS 120/2(C)(5))

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Executive Session was entered at 6:53 p.m.

Alderson Street made a motion seconded by Alderson Gerl to return to open session at 7:13 p.m.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.
Motion carried.

New Business:

Aldersperson Hollo made a motion seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to accept the bid of \$1,050.00 from Mike Phipps/Advantage Construction for the property located at 1003 N. Illinois.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Hollo made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Street to accept the bid of \$750.00 from Bill and Carol Burke for the property located at 1501 N. Harrison.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

Aldersperson Street made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Kellenberger to approve a grant agreement between the State of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and the City of Litchfield for the OSLAD grant and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Brown, Paine.

Motion carried.

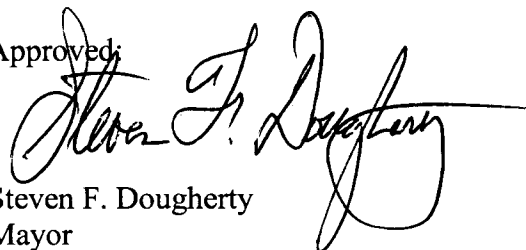
Having no further business, Aldersperson Kellenberger made a motion, seconded by Aldersperson Gerl to adjourn the regular meeting of the Litchfield City Council. The Mayor called for a voice vote, motion carried, and the regular meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Attest:



Carol E. Burke
City Clerk

Approved:



Steven F. Dougherty
Mayor