

Plan Commission
Public Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2022
Litchfield, Illinois

The September 19, 2022 Public Meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 6:51 by Chairman Ed Wernsing. Members present were Ed Wernsing, Judy Dalhaus, Jerald Cruthis, Kevin Brumm, Pam Voyles, Richard Weiss, John Winans, Ron Norris and Mayor Steve Dougherty. Members absent were Ben Schwab and Carol Stuttle. Also in attendance were Tonya Flannery, Dave Hollo, Bob Sneed, Gary Baker and Dawn Ashby.

Pam Voyles made a motion, seconded by Ron Norris to approve the July 18, 2022 Public Meeting Minutes. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Ron Norris made a motion, seconded by Richard Weiss to accept an Ordinance allowing Commercial Recreational Uses in (C-2) General Commercial Districts in the City of Litchfield.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ed Wernsing – Yes
Judy Dalhaus – Yes
Kevin Brumm – Yes
Jerald Cruthis - Yes
Ben Schwab – Absent
Carol Stuttle – Absent
Pam Voyles – Yes
Richard Weiss – Yes
Joh Winans – Yes
Ron Norris – Yes
Mayor Steve Dougherty – Yes

The motion carried with nine members voting yes and two members absent.

Ron Norris made a motion, seconded by Pam Voyles to accept an Ordinance amending Zoning Code 2831 of the City of Litchfield allowing Tourist Homes/Short-term rentals in (C-2) General Commercial Districts and said rentals in (S-1) and (S-2) Single family residence by “Special Use”.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ed Wernsing – Yes
Judy Dalhaus – Yes
Kevin Brumm – Yes
Jerald Cruthis - Yes
Ben Schwab – Absent
Carol Stuttle – Absent
Pam Voyles – Yes
Richard Weiss – Yes
Joh Winans – Yes
Ron Norris – Yes

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Mayor Steve Dougherty – Yes

The motion carried with nine members voting yes and two members absent.

Mayor Steve Dougherty made a motion, seconded by Ron Norris to accept the amending of Ordinance No. 3359 and adopt provisions of 65 ILCS, 5/8-3-14 as amended and imposes a tax upon all persons engaged within the City of Litchfield in business of renting, leasing, or letting rooms in a Hotel as defined in the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act. Being 35 ILCS 145/1 at the rate of 4% as per State statute. Said tax shall also be collected from Bed and breakfast, Short-term rental unit service, or any business which rents rooms overnight to the general public which would include by not limited to internet services such as VRBO and AIRBNB.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ed Wernsing – Yes
Judy Dalhaus – Yes
Kevin Brumm – Yes
Jerald Cruthis - Yes
Ben Schwab – Absent
Carol Stuttle – Absent
Pam Voyles – Yes
Richard Weiss – Yes
Joh Winans – Yes
Ron Norris – Yes
Mayor Steve Dougherty – Yes

The motion carried with nine members voting yes and two members absent.

Chairman Wernsing read changes to the Mobile Home Ordinance.

Ron Norris thanked the committee for letting him serve, as this was his last meeting. He will no longer be Chairman of EDC and therefore will not be required to serve on the Plan Commission. Lonnie Bathurst will be taken over the appointment.

Mayor Steve Dougherty made a motion, seconded by Jerald Cruthis to adjourn the September 19, 2022 Plan Commission Meeting. All members present voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.