

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
August 21, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Mayor-Pro Tem Jessica Bills called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Bills, Councilpersons – Don Bannick, Rick Siebert, Dan Efstathiou, Kevin Collins and Andy Reynolds.

Absent: Mayor O.R. Smith

Councilman Bannick moved to excuse Mayor Smith's absence, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Also Present – City Manager - Douglas Terry, Treasurer/Finance Director - Jill Barrett (arrived 6:43 p.m.), Police Sergeant – Steve Fisher, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Lauren Skelly, LCS Representative- Dr. Lonnie Robinson, Matt Paletis, and Jeannette Treadwell

Consent Agenda – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Call to the Public- Matt Paletis addressed the board regarding the Mill Race. Mr. Paletis stated that he has a group of people willing to maintain and keep water in the Mill Race. He stated that this group has contacted a lawyer, however, said group was not ready to take on the liability for the Mill Race. City Manager Doug Terry stated the Mill Race issue has been brought to the board on multiple occasions and each time the board had decided that it was not in the City's jurisdiction and therefore no actions were taken. City Manager Doug Terry stated that he would recommend seeking our attorney's opinion to see what the exposure would be for the City. City Manager Doug Terry stated that although the dam is located outside of the city limits it is still effecting our residents. City Manager Terry then stated that if the City attorney concurs with the decision to accept liability, the City may want to contact an engineer to review the City's complete waterways.

Dr. Lonnie Robinson updated the board on the first day of school and the open house.

Councilman Bannick moved to allow City Manager Doug Terry to contact the City Attorney regarding the Mill Race, seconded by Councilman Efstathiou. Motion carried.

Litchfield Community Schools Pilot Program Discussion – City Manager Doug Terry addressed the board regarding the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Program. City Manager Doug Terry suggested that the staff contact other schools and communities to see how they handle these types of payments and see what kind of services are provided to the schools and how the communities are reimbursed. Councilman Bannick moved to proceed with billing as normal for this year and to table the topic until City Manager can find out what other schools do, support by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Proposal – Hawkes Drive Wet Well Rehab – Councilman Bannick moved to approve proposal from Parrish Excavating in the amount of \$26,035.00, support by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$213,383.78 and charge to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Police Report – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the police report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Efstathiou. Motion carried.

Public Works Report – Councilman Siebert moved to accept the public works report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Treasurers Update – City Treasurer Jill Barrett informed the board that she is working on the fiscal year end which should be complete next month and she is also working on tax collections.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Doug Terry updated the board on the street lights in Hawthorn Heights. City Manager Doug Terry stated that the pool has closed for the season and that we had a successful pool season.

Correspondence – Discussion was held regarding the tax sale notice from the Hillsdale County Treasurer's Office.

Committee Reports – None

Councilpersons Concerns – Councilman Siebert asked if there was an update on the streets. City Manager Doug Terry stated that the City had budgeted to have a few streets seal coated. City Manager Doug Terry stated the company that has been contacted, Highway Maintenance of Romulus, MI, is delayed right now and he recommended to wait until spring. Councilman Siebert asked if Sweet Corn Days Festival ended earlier than normal. Discussion was held regarding the music for Sweet Corn Days.

Adjournment – Councilman Siebert moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.