

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
February 18, 2014 - 6:30 PM

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Edwin Smith, Councilpersons Jessica Bills, Rick Siebert, OR Smith, Dan Efstathiou, Brenda Thomas and Don Bannick.

Absent –

Also Present – City Manager- Douglas Terry, Clerk-Susan Ballinger, Treasurer-Jill Pelham, Chief, John Michelin, Admin/ Asst. - Lauren Skelly, Ed Robinette, and Andy Barrand (HDN)

Consent Agenda – Councilman, Siebert moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

Call to the Public – None

Request for Water/Sewer Credit - Ed Robinette - Clerk, Ballinger explained to the board, Mr. Robinette's situation regarding a pipe that broke inside his home and Mr. Robinette was looking for a possible credit adjustment to the sewer portion of his utility bill. Councilman, Bannick moved to approve a sewer credit in the amount of \$27.28 (11,179.00 gallons) for February's 2014 utility bill, seconded by Councilman, Smith. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing-2014 Recreation Plan - Mayor, Smith opened the public hearing at 6:34pm. after a short discussion amongst board members and no public present for comment Mayor, Smith closed the public hearing at 6:36pm.

Resolution 2014-04 - City of Litchfield 2014 Recreation Plan - Councilman, Siebert moved to adopt Resolution 2014-04, seconded by Councilman, Bannick. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2014-5 Amendment to Section (5) of the FOIA Act Resolution - Mayor, Smith asked that this item be removed from the agenda and the board agreed to table the item for further review.

2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance 2014-01 -Flood Plain Ordinance - Councilman, Bannick moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-01 and authorizes Clerk, Ballinger & Hillsdale Building Inspector, Martin Taylor to sign, seconded by Councilman, Siebert. Motion Carried.

Domestic Harmony Contract - Councilwoman, Thomas moved to accept the presented contract in the amount of \$300.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign, seconded by Councilwoman, Bills. Motion Carried

Bills for Approval – Councilman, Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$59,026.85 and apply to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilman, Smith. Motion Carried.

Police Report - Chief, Michelin stated that everything in his department is going well. Councilman, Smith moved to accept the police report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman, Bannick. Motion Carried.

Public Works Report – Manager, Terry informed the board that Superintendent, Langhann is at his son's sporting event. Manager, Terry talked about the major and local streets budget. Councilman, Siebert asked about flooding around Fremont Street. Manager, Terry stated that Superintendent, Langhann is working on opening catch basins in vulnerable area's around the city. Councilwoman, Bills moved to accept the public works report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman, Smith. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Update – Treasurer, Pelham expanded a little further on snow removal and winter maintenance. The city budgeted more this year than what the city spent the whole year and the previous five years, but the city has already exceeded what the city had spent for the whole year and the previous years. Treasurer, Pelham stated she has started working on the next budget and it will be a challenge, but between now and the next regular meeting estimates will be done and once March board of review numbers are in she will be able to start the actual budget process. The budget committee will be contacted with a schedule. Treasurer, Pelham stated that property tax collection has ended and she will be working on settling with the county.

City Manager's Update – Manager, Terry stated that he and the Mayor has been working on Litchfield Initiative Program, promoting the school and different issues for employee training. Councilwoman, Thomas stated the Litchfield Initiative is being utilized by Jackson Area Manufacturers Association through July for welding classes and are looking for another place to put robotics for training classes.

Committee Reports –

Councilman Concerns - Councilman, Bannick asked if anymore street lights would be going in. Manager, Terry stated that the city has not had the extra funds to add anymore street lights. Manager, Terry said that he and the Mayor wanted to put in at least two street lights a year. Mayor, Smith stated that with all the budget cuts and personal property tax cuts from the state, street lights will have to be low priority.

Correspondence –

Adjournment – Councilman, Smith moved to adjourn at 6:55pm, seconded by Councilman, Bannick. Motion Carried.