

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
February 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
IN-PERSON AND FREE PHONE CONFERENCE CALL

Mayor O.R. Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present In-Person – Mayor Smith, Councilpersons –Abe Dane, Kevin Collins and Jessica Bills.

Roll Call: Present Via Phone Conference - Councilpersons – Rick Siebert, Don Bannick and Steve Schlumm.

Absent: None

Also Present In-Person – City Manager - Douglas Terry and Clerk – Susan Ballinger,

Also Present Via Phone Conference – Treasurer/Finance Director - Jill Barrett, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Lauren Skelly, HCC -Kathleen Schmit and Deloris Sanger.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the consent agenda and place on file, supported by Councilwoman Bills. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea’s 0 Nay’s 0 Absent Motion carried.

Call to the Public – Hillsdale County Commissioner- Kathleen Schmit gave an update to the board regarding virtual March Board of Review meetings.

Deloris Sanger – talked with board members regarding snow pile up near a fire hydrant, Marshall Street road repair, horse clean up signs to be removed and voiced her concerns about the Litchfield Pool Project.

Resolution 2021-04 – 2021 Amended Poverty Guidelines – Councilman Bannick moved to approve Resolution 2021-04, supported by Councilman Schlumm. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea’s 0 Nay’s 0 Absent Motion carried.

Discuss Renewal of Solid Waste Contract – After discussion amongst board members. Councilman Schlumm moved to have the city administration extend our current contract with Modern Waste for 1 more year, supported by Councilman Dane. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yea’s 2 Nay’s Councilpersons Collins and Siebert. 0 Absent Motion carried

Councilman Bannick moved to amend the previous motion regarding our Solid Waste Contract to include that the increase in the total cost for Solid Waste pickup can not exceed 3% of what the city currently pays out, if the increase is higher than 3% of our current cost, the city administration is to go out for proposals, supported by Councilman Dane. Roll Call Vote: 5 Yea’s 2 Nay’s Councilpersons Collins and Siebert. 0 Absent Motion carried.

Discuss Audit Options – Councilman Siebert moved to have city administration go out for audit proposals, supported by Councilman Bannick. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea’s 0 Nay’s 0 Absent Motion carried.

Domestic Harmony Contract – Councilman Dane moved to authorize the contract between Litchfield and Domestic Harmony for an amount of \$500.00, supported by Councilman Schlumm. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea’s 0 Nay’s 0 Absent Motion carried.

Re-Appointment of TIFA Board Members Ed Smith and Mike Warren – Councilman Dane moved to reappoint both Ed Smith and Mike Warren to the TIFA Board, supported by Councilman Collins. . Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea’s 0 Nay’s 0 Absent Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Compensation Commission Board Member Pasty Jones – Councilman Collins moved to accept the resignation from Pasty Jones with regrets, supported by Councilwoman Bills. . Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea’s 0 Nay’s 0 Absent Motion carried.

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in amount of \$36,689.67 and charge to the proper accounts, supported by Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea's 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion carried.

Police Report – Councilwoman Bills moved to approve the police report as presented and place on file, supported by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Public Works Report – Councilman Collins moved to accept the public works report as presented and place on file, supported by Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried.

Treasurers Update – Treasurer Barrett informed board members that she is currently working on preparing the 2021/2022 Budget and property tax collection.

City Manager's Update – Manager Terry gave an update on both Fiber Optics and Golf Course.

Committee Reports – Mayor Smith informed board members that the DDA board is working on a new DDA Plan.

Councilpersons Concerns – Councilman Siebert stated he was to pass on a thank you to our public works department for having the roads cleared up so quickly from the storm.

Adjournment – Councilman Bannick moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., supported by Councilman Collins. Roll Call Vote: 7 Yea's 0 Nays 0 Absent Motion carried. Motion carried.