

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
January 10, 2012 - 6:30 PM

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

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

Absent - Greg Chapman

Also Present – City Manager-Doug Terry, Clerk-Susan Ballinger, Treasurer-Jill Pelham, Chief Michelin, DPW Superintendent-Tony Langhann, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kelsey Burroughs.

Consent Agenda. Councilman Bannick moved to approve the Consent Agenda, supported by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Call to the Public - None

Committee Appointments – Councilwoman Thomas motioned to accept the 2012 Committee Appointments as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2012-01-Budget Amendments 2011-2012 - Councilwoman Thomas moved to adopt Resolution 2012-01, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion Carried.

TIFA Board Re-Appointments – Councilman Siebert motioned to re-appoint Bill Nobles to the Tifa Board, seconded by Councilman Bannick. Motion Carried.

Bills for Approval – Councilwoman Thomas moved to approve the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$35,907.20 and post to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion Carried

Police Report – Councilwoman Thomas moved to accept the police report as presented as place on file, seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

Public Works Report – Councilwoman Thomas moved to accept the public works report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Bannick. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Update -Treasurer Pelham stated she has been working on analyzing mid-year expenses and revenues. Treasurer Pelham asked the board if anyone was interested in having a budget and finance training session before she starts working on the city's budget. Councilwoman Bills stated she would like to join the training. Treasurer Pelham and the City Manager are preparing to go through the budget.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Terry stated that we are waiting to hear on the personal property tax situation, until that time the city is going to run as normal. Manager Terry stated that during Streetscape the city put in twenty four new light posts in the downtown. Both the Mayor and Manager Terry were of the opinion that we would like to go further in each direction of both North and South. The cost will average out to about \$2000.00 a pole to have it done. I called Consumers and they are currently working on figures and what the Mayor and I thought we could do is install four in the next fiscal year and we would budget for four which would be approximately \$8000.00 and that is if the city can afford it. The city would have two poles going down Jonesville St. and two going up Marshall Street. Then in the future try and go East and West with some light poles. The city is trying to save money for both Mill and Clay Street, we want to install a new water main first and then repave. Tifa has been working hard with a lot of proposals in the Industrial Park. Many of you already know about the new program called Litchfield Initiative. The program is going to open the shop building for

welding to start and then we will go for CNC training, and then into computerized drawing. There are volunteers currently painting the building. Tifa made an investment of \$90,000.00 toward a welding lab that seems to be the greatest need in the Industrial Park right now. We want to have vocational training for our students. Its winter time and we've saved money on salt since there has been no snow, now we will probably get a lot in February and March. Councilwoman Thomas asked the City Manager if he knew what was going on with the Litchfield Thriftway. Manager Terry stated that Mike Burns purchased the property and has plans to become a diesel fuel distributor. Mr. Burns also expressed interest in opening a tire shop and to try and open the laundry mat. Maybe warehousing of Industrial storage or even maybe some retail in there. The city is very encouraged with what his plans are for that area. Manager Terry also informed the board that the Dollar General applied for a liquor license. Chief Michelin stated that the store applied for beer and wine license and there was no council action required.

Committee Reports – None

Councilman Concerns: - Councilman Siebert asked if it was possible for public works to salt all of Fremont Street. Supervisor Langhann stated the County normally does that street, but obviously didn't that day and the County didn't do any of the highways in town that day. Our department had to do a lot of extra that day. We will watch it in the future. Councilman Siebert asked if they salt Simpson Drive, Langhann stated only the curve and intersections. Salt is really expensive if it gets real bad they probably will.

Councilman Bannick stated he has heard a lot of great reports on the Christmas lights.

Adjournment - Councilman Bannick motioned to adjourn at 6:52 pm, supported by Councilman Smith. Motion Carried