

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
January 15, 2019 - 6:30 PM

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

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

Absent: Councilman Andy Reynolds

Councilman Bannick motioned to excuse the absence of Councilman Reynolds, support by Councilman Siebert. Motion carried.

Also Present – City Manager - Douglas Terry, Treasurer/Finance Director - Jill Barrett, Police Chief – Dan Roberts, City Clerk - Susan Ballinger, Deputy Clerk - Lauren Skelly, Richard Luna, Patsy Jones, HCC - Julie Games, Abe Dane and Andy Barrand - HDN

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

Call to the Public- None

Resolution 2019-01 – Establishing 2019 Poverty Exemption Guidelines - Councilman Bannick moved to approve Resolution 2019-01, supported by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-02 – March Board of Review Dates - Councilman Bannick moved to approve Resolution 2019-02, supported by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Resolution 2019-03 – Amend the 2018-2019 Litchfield City Budget - Councilman Siebert moved to approve Resolution 2019-03, supported by Councilwoman Bills.

Second Reading/Adoption Ordinance 2018-05 – To Add Chapter 806 To Title Two Business Regulation, Prohibiting Marihuana Establishment Within the City – Councilman Bannick moved to approve Ordinance 2018-05, supported by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Second Reading/Adoption Ordinance 2018-06 – To Add Section 660.04 to Chapter 660 of Codified Ordinance to Prohibit the Sale and Consumption of Marihuana in Public Places - Councilman Siebert moved to approve Ordinance 2018-06, supported by Councilman Bannick. Motion carried.

Assessing Oversight Agreement – Laureen Birdsall - Councilman Bannick moved to approve and authorizes the City Manager to sign the Assessing Contract between the City and Ms. Birdsall in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00, supported by Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried.

Litchfield Municipal Pool – General Discussion - After a long discussion amongst board members regarding the pool and the Land & Water Grant, it was the consensus of the board to have the discussion tabled until the March regular meeting and to have the city administration pursue more funding and have a pool survey sent out to our city taxpayers for their input.

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$92,296.03 and charge to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilman Siebert. Motion carried.

Police Report – Councilwoman Bills 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 Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried.

Treasurers Update – Treasurer Barrett informed the board that she is finishing up calendar year reporting and will begin the budgeting process which begins with the estimates of where the city will end up at the end of the fiscal year. After that, she will do estimates for the new budget year.

City Manager's Update – Manager Terry stated that the city had an extensive road project last year and we are pursuing some maintenance items finishing up with crack sealing and seal coating on some of our streets. The two streets that are ready for construction are East Street and Washington Street.

The city administration is working on a brush pickup policy similar to what Jonesville has in place. Over the years the city had a time frame for when we would pick up brush. What is happening is that over the years we've gotten use to picking up brush all the time and that's not an efficient way of Tony Langhann utilizing his staff. What we want to do is have specific time frames that the city will pick up brush on a seasonal basis.

The old DPW Building, we would like to get an appraisal on that building because at some point in the near future the board should consider selling that building. We would like to use the proceeds from the sale of that building and use toward a pole building on our fenced in property where we could have storage security.

We are going to get some snow this weekend and we've been pretty lucky throughout this winter season. Administration had a discussion regarding sidewalks. We have non-motorized requirements under Act 51 that the city has to complete and that's dependent on maintenance money and snow is maintenance. So, we are hoping by June 30, 2019 Tony can have sidewalks installed in accordance with Act 51.

Correspondence – Manager Terry acknowledged the submitted letter from resident Abe Dane to the board regarding the pool.

Committee Reports – None

Councilpersons Concerns – Councilman Siebert stated he has received multiple complaints regarding resident's garbage being missed and other issues. Manager Terry informed the board of our garbage service has a new system and Modern Waste is currently working on the issues. Clerk Ballinger asked to have those residents contact the city office and we will make arrangements for their garbage to be picked up.

Adjournment – Councilman Bannick moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by Councilman Siebert. Motion carried.