

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
September 18, 2018 - 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, Jessica Bills, Kevin Collins and Andy Reynolds.

Absent: None

Also Present – City Manager - Douglas Terry, Treasurer/Finance Director - Jill Barrett, Police Chief – Dan Roberts, City Clerk-Susan Ballinger, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Lauren Skelly, LCS Representative- Dr. Lonnie Robinson, HDN-Andy Barrand, Hillsdale County Commissioner- Julie Games.

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- None

Resignation Compensation Commission – Vena Wade – Councilman Bannick moved to accept the resignation of Vena Wade with regrets, support by Councilman Siebert. Motion carried.

Team RWB & Microsoft/Old Glory - Mayor Smith gave a brief update on Team RWB/ Old Glory coming through Litchfield on October 3, 2018.

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$49,978.20 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 Collins. Motion carried.

Public Works Report – Councilwoman Bills 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 has finished with yearend for TIFA and DDA and should be finished with the City’s fiscal year end soon. Auditors will start field work soon.

City Manager’s Update – City Manager Doug Terry updated the board that he and the Mayor have been working a lot on Tifa matters like workforce and work force housing. The industrial park employers are struggling to get qualified workforce and get people to come to work. Manager Terry has been meeting with plant managers.

Pool Grant- Manager Terry stated that the pool grant preliminary results are in and Litchfield scored 310 point out of 380 points. Manager Terry stated he will review the information and see if the city can get some more points.

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports – None

Councilpersons Concerns – Councilman Siebert asked about tree removals around the city. Manager Terry stated that the city likes to use Wickham but they are such demand they haven't been able to get over here. IF he isn't able to get Litchfield soon we will contact someone else.

Councilman Collins asked what going on with the Litchfield Schools and the Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT). Manager Terry stated that he was just reviewing the letter and Clerk Ballinger made the suggestion of requesting Pilot information from other communities through the Treasurers and/or Clerks list serve. Manager Terry stated he will gather more information and council will have to make the final decision. Mayor Smith asked that the information be presented at the next regular council meeting. Councilman Collins questioned if the contract was written by people that wasn't sure what contract should say and was there an attorney involved. Manager Terry stated he wants to see what other communities are doing or is this just a rare case of miswriting the document and if that's the case than council can forgive the Pilot. Manager Terry he just hasn't had a chance to research this yet. The city administration wants to see the city and the school succeeds.

Adjournment – Councilman Bannick moved to adjourn at 6:52 p.m., seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.