

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
February 16, 2016 - 6:30 PM

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

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Ed Smith, Councilpersons – OR Smith, Andy Reynolds, Dan Efstathiou, Rick Siebert and Don Bannick.

Absent: Jessica Bills

Also Present – City Manager - Douglas Terry, Treasurer - Jill Barrett, Clerk- Susan Ballinger, Police Chief- Dan Roberts, DPW Superintendent- Tony Langhann, Deputy Clerk – Lauren Skelly, Melinda Dinwiddie, Brett Smith, Ed Clark, Consumer Representatives – Don Froncheck, Todd Fulk & John Hall and Mike Warner – Homer Index.

Call to the Public – Consumer Energy Representative John Hall informed the board of up in coming tree trimming and/or removal work to be done within the city limits that should begin mid to late March.

Consent Agenda – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Discuss Mill Street Demolition Bids- Manager Terry informed the board of the current condition of the 211 Mill Street house and explained that the city would put a lien on the property in order to recover the cost of demolition. Councilman Bannick moved to award the demolition bid for 211 Mill Street to Parrish Excavating in an amount of \$8,399.00, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Councilman Bannick moved to allow Treasurer Barrett to place a tax lien in the amount of \$8,399.00 on the property at 211 Mill Street to recover the cost spent for the demolition project, seconded by Councilman Siebert. Motion carried.

Schedule Joint Meeting with City Council & Planning Commission members regarding Pool Renovations- Manager Terry asked for both the city council and planning commission boards to meet for a special/joint meeting for the purpose of Byce Engineering to give a presentation on the pool renovations. After some discussion amongst the board, the consensus was to have the special/joint meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$75, 235.65 and apply to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Police Report – Chief Roberts informed the board that he will be attending a conference and expects to bring back some information on changes that will be coming within the next year and will need to be discussed with the board. Councilman Siebert moved to accept the police report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Public Works Report – Superintendent Langhann stated the SAW grant should be finishing the televising this week and then we will be waiting on a report from Jones & Henry. Superintendent Langhann gave board members a summary of lead and cooper status test results and confirmed that Litchfield's lead level is way below the expected level. Councilman Siebert moved to accept the public works report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion carried.

Treasurers Update - Treasurer Barrett informed the board that she has begun estimating year end numbers for the current fiscal year so that she and Doug can start to build a budget for next year. Personal Property taxes and IFT's are what she personally collects and for the 2015 tax year she only has one business that hasn't paid and if the taxes are not paid by next month's council meeting there are some options that she will need to discuss with the board.

City Manager's Update – City Manager stated the Power Plant is closing and both the County and DMCI currently have antennas on that property. Both the County and DMCI are looking at surrounding property to place their aerial antenna so that we can broadcast. Now, that will be forth coming and Doug Sanford from the county is working with another entity looking to share an antenna and place that somewhere in the Litchfield area.

Councilman Smith motioned to excuse the absence of board member Jessica Bills, seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.

Clerk Ballinger reminded the board of the up in coming election on March 8, 2016.

Correspondence – None

Committee Reports – Councilman Smith informed the board that Butler Township has opted out of their fire service contract with the City of Litchfield's Fire Department.

Councilman Concerns- None

Adjournment – Councilman Smith moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Councilman Reynolds. Motion carried.