

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
July 21, 2015 - 6:30 PM

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

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Edwin Smith, Councilpersons Jessica Bills, Rick Siebert, OR Smith-Mayor Pro-Tem and Don Bannick.

Absent – Brenda Thomas and Dan Efstathiou

Also Present – City Manager- Douglas Terry, Clerk-Susan Ballinger, Chief- Dan Roberts, Deputy Clerk/Admin. Asst. – Lauren Skelly, DPW Superintendent-Tony Langhann, Brett Smith and Andy Reynolds.

Councilman, Siebert moved to excuse the absences of Councilpersons Thomas and Efstathiou, seconded by Councilman, Bannick. Motion Carried

Consent Agenda – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

Call to the Public – None

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$79,152.15 and apply to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

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

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

Treasurers Update – Manager, Terry stated that Treasurer, Howard is currently out of town and will present the financial statements for July and August at the August's meeting.

City Manager's Update – Manger, Terry informed the board that he and Tony met with an engineer company to look at the pool and the engineer will be submitting a proposal to the city with costs estimates of what the pool renovations will cost. The city is looking at adding new technology and some other things. Manager, Terry stated it is also his intentions to have another engineer come in and look at the pool and let us know what the city's options are in regards to the pool renovations. Those estimates will be coming to this board for your review.

Manager, Terry stated that about a month ago the city office's main server was infected with a virus which came through an email that looked to be from one of our industrial customers. Unfortunately, it affected all of our computers. Treasurer, Howard's computer needs to be replaced and it has been ordered and the urgency is because we need to have the financial information transferred as soon as possible. Treasurer, Howard will begin preparing for the audit and as we all know she strives for perfection and usually hits it.

Manager, Terry said the city encountered some storms on Saturday and he just had been looking at some tree damage.

Manager, Terry informed the board that the paving at the tennis courts has been completed and it looks great. There has been no pooling of water everything is good. We hope to have the project completed in the next few weeks. Also, within the next few weeks Engineer, Rick Jenkins will be looking at doing some seal coating maintenance on some streets. Councilwoman, Bills asked what the city's budget was for that work. Manager, Terry stated he will be getting prices around and this is just maintenance not re-paving. Councilwoman, Bills asked is this for more than one street. Manager, Terry stated it depends on the dollar amount and we have to selective because we don't want to put money into a street that we know we will have to reconstruct or re-pave.

Councilman, Smith asked about a net for the tennis court and Manager, Terry said yes. Councilman, Siebert asked if the basketball hoops are going to legal sized. Manager, Terry stated new hoops will go on and they will be at 9ft. 6 inches; regulation is 10ft and we would probably have to raise the center support and right now we are not sure if we will be doing that. Tony will re-paint the backboards so they look new. Mayor, Smith said we should take a look and see if we could put them at regulation level if we can. Manager, Terry stated he believes the poles are incased in concrete. Tony stated they will try and do something.

Councilman, Siebert stated he was asked if the shuffle board equipment for Fireman's Park was still here at the city office. Clerk, Ballinger stated yes.

Manager, Terry stated the rotary is also working on the Nature Trail trying to develop a canoe/kayak in a portion of the mill pond and the river.

Clerk, Ballinger stated that Sweet Corn Days is coming up the weekend of August 14th & 15th and the committee is getting everything in place for the festival. Also, Clerk, Ballinger informed the board that today was the filing deadline for the three council seats and that two incumbents have filed and three new residents have filed for the November city election. Clerk, Ballinger said now anyone that might be interested in running for the election can file a write-in candidate form to be turned into the clerk's office no later than 4 p.m. the second Friday preceding the election.

Clerk, Ballinger stated the lifeguard Aubrey Wilson has received her certification for swim lesson instructor and that she will be setting up swim lesson sessions in the month of August. Aubrey will give our office a schedule of dates and times soon.

Correspondence –

Committee Reports – Councilman, Smith stated that a few of the members of the fireboard recently asked at their meeting if the city was still pay half towards the door and I informed them yes.

Councilman Concerns-

Adjournment – Councilman, Bannick moved to adjourn at 6:46 p.m., seconded by Councilman Smith. Motion Carried.