

REGULAR MEETING
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room
July 17, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Mayor-Pro Tem Jessica Bills called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor O.R. Smith (arrived 6:32pm), Councilpersons – Don Bannick, Rick Siebert, and Dan Efstathiou, Kevin Collins and Andy Reynolds.

Absent:

Also Present – City Manager - Douglas Terry, Treasurer/Finance Director - Jill Barrett, Police Sergeant –Steve Fisher, Clerk- Susan Ballinger, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Lauren Skelly, DPW Superintendent – Tony Langhann, LCS Representative- Dr. Lonnie Robinson, Brett Smith and Ed Clark.

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- Dr. Lonnie Robinson introduced himself to city council and stated that he is the treasurer for Litchfield Community School Board and he looks forward on working to have a good relationship with the city. Dr. Robinson updated the board members on changes that have been made to reduce costs and increase revenue in the schools budget.

Sewer Credit Request -224 Centennial – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the sewer credit in an amount of \$39.67, support by Councilman Reynolds. Motion Carried

Sewer Credit Request-437 Pioneer Drive – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the sewer credit in an amount of \$23.43, support by Councilman Collins. Motion Carried.

Bills for Approval – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$94,104.56 and apply to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried.

Police Report – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the police report as presented, seconded by Councilman Efstathiou. Motion carried.

Public Works Report – Councilman Reynolds moved to accept the public works report as presented and place on file, seconded by Councilman Collins. Motion carried.

Treasurers Update – City Treasurer Jill Barrett informed the board that she is working on the fiscal year end.

City Manager's Update – City Manager Doug Terry updated the board on the street paving, stating Park and Warriner Avenue are done and both Birch Streets are also done except for some clean up. Excell started on Chestnut Street today, but that street work will be postponed until tomorrow do to the plant that Excell receives their material from keeps breaking down.

Litchfield Schools – Manager Terry stated that he today he had a two hour meeting with Bruce Caswell, Interim Superintendant of Litchfield Schools. The school is doing well financially due to changes that have been made; Mr. Terry wants the school to know that the administrative if very supportive of our school and we see the school as a critical component of our growth. We want to see the school succeed and we had a great meeting.

Litchfield Pool- Manager Terry stated the pool is running ok, but we have had to deal with a couple behavioral problems, we had some other performance issues and expectations that we hope we've gotten taken care of.

PILOT - Manager Terry stated that the school questioned the "In Lieu of Taxes Agreement". Manager Terry stated the way the agreement is written it doesn't expire until the property is returned to the tax roll. I've spoken with Mr. Caswell and Gary Smith about it and explained it to them; it's the schools understanding that this issue has risen because of the sewer system debt the city incurred years ago around 1970. After further discussion amongst the board regarding the "In Lieu of Tax" payments, the board was in consensus to bring a total of all "In Lieu of Tax" payments and possibly some options to the next regular meeting for the board to make a decision on whether to abandon the agreements or keep the agreements with new arrangements.

Power Plant- Manager Terry stated that Michigan Hubb will put in smaller generators and then Barley & Malt will use some of that waste heat in their processing of malt. They are also looking at putting in a data center. InnerPoint Energy is negotiating power purchase agreements with Consumers and South Central Michigan Power. They too have demonstrated interest in the golf course.

Committee Reports – None

Councilpersons Concerns – None

Correspondence – None

Adjournment – Councilman Bannick moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried.