

REGULAR MEETING  
Litchfield City Council - City Council Room  
May 15, 2018 - 6:30 PM

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

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

Absent: None

Also Present – City Manager - Douglas Terry, Treasurer/Finance Director - Jill Barrett, City Clerk- Susan Ballinger, Police Chief – Dan Roberts, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer – Lauren Skelly, DPW Superintendent – Tony Langhann, David Slifka-REU, Abe Dane, Andy Barrand-HDN, Julie Games- County Commissioner, Robert Markin and Linda Markin.

**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

**Abe Dane-Candidate, county Commissioner District 2**- Abe Dane informed the board that he is running for the County Commissioner, District 2 and would like their support.

**David Slifka, Reading Emergency Unit-Update of Ambulance Millage** - Mr. Slifka gave board members an information pamphlet with information pertaining to the ambulance services. Mr. Slifka is asking for the boards support on the up incoming millage on the August ballot. Mr. Slifka updated the board on what the millage would do for the county and the public.

**Public Hearing 2018-2019 Budget** – Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. with no comments or questions, Mayor Smith closed the public hear at 6:45 p.m.

**Resolution 2018-10 Establishing Tax Levy** – Councilman Bannick moved to adopt Resolution 2018-10, support by Councilman Reynolds. Motion Carried

**Resolution 2018-11 Establish Water/Sewer/Solid Waste Fees** - Councilman Bannick moved to adopt Resolution 2018-11, support by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2018-12 Budget Adoption Resolution & Appropriations Act** – Councilwoman Bills moved to adopt Resolution 2018-12, support by Councilman Reynolds. Motion Carried.

**Resolution 2018-13 Establish Authorized Financial Dealers and Institutions**- Councilman Bannick moved to adopt Resolution 2018-13, support by Councilman Reynolds. Motion Carried.

**Second Reading/Adoption Ordinance 2018-02 Establishing Salaries for Certain Appointed Officials** - Councilman Siebert moved to adopt Ordinance 2018-02, support by Councilwoman Bills. Motion Carried.

**First Reading ordinance 2018-03 – Semco Energy Gas Company Franchise** –Clerk Ballinger did the first reading of Ordinance 2018.03, no action required at this time.

**Re-Appointment to Planning Commission Board** – **Mary Cooley** – Councilman Bannick moved to re-appoint Mary Cooley to the Planning Commission Board, support by Councilman Collins. Motion Carried.

**Bills for Approval** – Councilman Bannick moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$39,635.12 and apply to the proper accounts, seconded by Councilman Efstathiou. Motion carried.

**Police Report** – Councilman Siebert moved to approve the police report as presented, support by Councilman Collins. 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** – City Treasurer Jill Barrett informed the board that she and Lauren just attended their conference and was informed about some required updates in the chart of accounts. The city is required to keep a chart of accounts that's based off the State of Michigan uniform chart of accounts and the state is changing those account numbers. This change will take several months to change it's a huge task. The reports will more confusing until all the accounts have been switched over.

**City Manager's Update** – City Manager Doug Terry updated the board on the street repairs that will be starting in June in Phase 4 of Hawthorne Heights at the same time both East & West Birch Streets and Chestnut Street will also be repaired. Also, both Park Street and Warriner Avenue will be paved this year. We will be doing chip & seal on Lincoln Street, N. Chicago and Williams Streets. On some of the other streets the city needs to look at the utilities, it makes no sense for the city pave when the utilities are inadequate and a waste of money to pave prior to replacing the utilities first.

Also, Dan, Sue and I have been addressing property owners on maintenance standards.

Tony had mentioned that the city is taking in an extreme amount of clear water from sump-pumps. The city is pumping up to 500,000 gallons a day to the city lagoons and with rain it could be even more. The reason why the city is chasing sump pumps is that the alternative is that if the city pumps fail taking in so much water our pumps have to work harder. If they fail then sanitary sewers will start backing up in basements and as prescribed by Charter is the health and safety of our citizens. We are ordered by the DEQ to follow their orders.

City resident Mrs. Markin stated that Mill Street is one of the streets that have to be completely reconstructed and we were here a few years ago and we were told that it would be looked at last year and nothing has happened to Mill Street. Mayor Smith stated the there is a lot more cost involved in redoing that area of the city and it's still on the list for repairs and the city just can't afford it at this time. Mr. Markin stated that when the bridge was out the big trucks was using Mill Street as a thorough threw and when it rains peoples basements are being flooded. It doesn't help that there is no drainage system on Mill Street. Mayor Smith stated we want to redo Mill Street but it needs new waterlines in too and the city has enough in the street funds to two roads of just paving and to put water/sewer in as well would take a lot more money.

Manager Terry stated Mill Street is a priority; it's just trying to find the funds to pay for the proper reconstruction of the road.

**Committee Reports** – None

**Councilpersons Concerns** – Councilman Reynolds asked if administration has looked into extra dumpsters around town. Manager Terry stated yes, we will eliminate the one behind the pharmacy and keep the one her by the city office.

**Correspondence** – None

**Adjournment** – Councilman Bannick moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Bills. Motion carried.