

City of Litchfield
Executive Session
August 3, 2023

Mayor Steven Dougherty called the Executive Session to order on August 3, 2023 at 7:13 p.m. as allowed under the Illinois Open Meetings Act, as found in Chapter 5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Section 120, to address these certain and restricted items:

1. "The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired." (5ILCS 120/2(C)(5))
2. "Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. (5ILCS 120/2(2)(C)(21)
3. "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body..." (5ILCS 120/2(2)(C)(1).

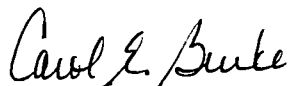
Present on roll call were Alderpersons Marilyn Sisson, Dwayne Gerl, Dan Newkirk, Sara Zumwalt, Joshua Huges, Kassidy Paine, Jacob Fleming, and Ray Kellenberger. Also in attendance were Building Inspector Gary Baker, City Attorney Michael McGinley, City Administrator Breann Vazquez. and City Clerk Carol Burke.

Gary Baker reported that the owner of the sleeping rooms is requesting more money for the property. Discussion was held regarding current occupants, eviction, and contract options. Baker stated that the building would be demolished, and the property surplus. Baker left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Discussion was opened regarding a request from a police officer that each officer be given a \$1,000 bonus. Mayor Dougherty remarked that the contract was already negotiated with an increase in hours, expanded residency to a 15-mile radius, and increase in the City's portion of health insurance. He explained that the prior Council approved wage increases for non-bargaining to close the gap between department heads and staff who earn overtime.

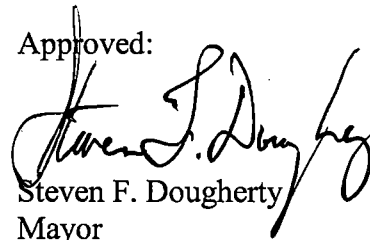
Police Chief Kenny Ryker entered the meeting at 7:24. Chief Ryker stated that no one had spoken to him regarding this request and that he was not aware that there was dissatisfaction in the department. He said that there is a procedure in place to address wages during the contract negotiations, and encouraged the Council put the subject to rest. Chief Ryker left the meeting at 7:43.

Attest:



Carol E. Burke
City Clerk

Approved:



Steven F. Dougherty
Mayor