

**City of Litchfield**  
**Executive Session**  
**January 18, 2024**

Mayor Steven Dougherty called the Executive Session to order on January 18, 2024 at 7:00 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. 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)
2. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. (5ILCS 120/2(2)(6)
3. “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))

Present on roll call were Alderpersons Marilyn Sisson, Dwayne Gerl, Dan Newkirk, Sara Zumwalt, Josh Hughes, Cassidy Paine, Jacob Fleming, and Ray Kellenberger. Also in attendance were City Attorney Michael McGinley, City Administrator, Breann Vazquez, and Deputy Clerk, Connie Joyce.

Economic Developer, Tonya Flannery, presented a bid offer for Lot #34 at Eagle Ridge Subdivision submitted by Lauren & Anthony Bruning as well as the required documentation.

Tonya then updated the council with the current status of the soccer park. She discussed where they are in the overall project, as well as funding. She shared with the council how much is being funded with the grant as well as what would be potentially required from the city. She mentioned that there could also be a possibility of reducing the scope of the project to offset expenses such as not including the walking path, gazebo and playground. She wanted the general consensus of the council to determine pursuing the next step of purchasing the land. City Administrator, Breann Vazquez, shared additional financial information pertaining to the cost of the project. Council members asked for clarification of the funding in regards to what was coming from grant funds and what the city would be responsible for.

Council members reviewed Executive Session minutes from the December 21, 2023 meeting. No changes were made.

Aldersperson Zumwalt made a motion seconded by Aldersperson Hughes to return to open session at 7:26 p.m.

The Mayor directed a roll call vote.

Aye: Sisson, Gerl, Newkirk, Zumwalt, Hughes, Paine, Fleming, Kellenberger.

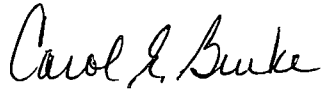
Nay: None.

Absent: None

Motion carried.

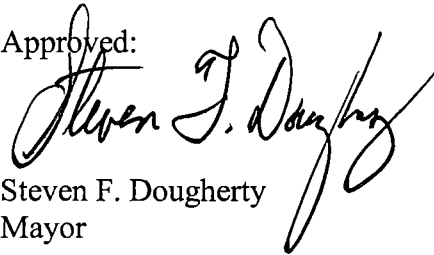
Submitted by: Connie Joyce

Attest:



Carol E. Burke  
City Clerk

Approved:



Steven F. Dougherty  
Mayor