

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, December 10, 2012– Ligonier City Hall
103 West Third Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Chris Fought, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Arriving late: Becky Gray

Minutes from previous meeting of November 29, 2012

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- **Cultural Tourism in Ligonier – Sharon Canaday**

Sharon Canaday from Ball State was present to give a presentation on developing a marketing plan for cultural tourism in Ligonier. The community was awarded a cultural planning consultancy by the Indiana Arts Commission. A community meeting was held in November to discuss nurturing what already exists and building for the future. A plan will be developed in early February.

- **City Redistricting – Ordinance 826-2012**

Following a census, the city is required to redistrict. It was previously approved to convert the existing four districts and one at large to three districts with two at large. City Attorney Steve Hagen prepared the map with nearly equal population. The redistricting will be used in the next election cycle.

Motion to pass Ordinance 826-2012 on the first reading by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 826-2012 on the second reading by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 826-2012 on the third and final reading

by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Note: Becky Gray had not yet arrived for the vote

- **Capital Assets Capitalization Policy – Ordinance 827-2012**

We are required to have a capital asset threshold set. It is recommended by the State Board of Accounts to set the threshold at \$5000. Ordinance 827-2012 addresses the threshold.

Motion to pass ordinance 827-2012 on the first reading by: Chris Fought

Seconded by: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Aye

Claim Registers – APV #38209-38310

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan: Pizza Hut is holding a fundraiser for the Splash Pad on Tuesday December 18 and the park will receive 10% of the profits.

Three quotes were requested for the splash pad with the lowest being \$75,450. A contract was signed.

Alan would like to have the mural currently in the council room at the rec center. The mural society meets in January and will ask for approval.

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver: The Breakfast with Santa fundraiser did well. Donations will help with the family the department sponsors for Christmas.

Quotes for the city hall/fire department renovation were open today and taken under advisement.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette: Pavement Solutions completed the crack and seal of the streets. The new pick up/snow plow was received. City employee Christmas lunch will be December 21 at 11:30.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Merry Christmas to everyone

Council Member Becky Gray: Merry Christmas to everyone

Council Member Chris Fought: Thank you to the local businesses such as Guardian, Tenneco and Casey's – the growth for the city is appreciated.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn: With the move to the new city hall, Barb is considering closing the utility office for lunch. Most of the professional offices close. Council members commented they would be in favor of the change.

Mayor Patty Fisel: We have made great progress this year. Our greatest asset is our people. We have been blessed with improvements in the community. Our industry has worked hard to make things happen.

Casey's is now open with a ribbon cutting on 12/7/12.

The former Oak Leaf Village will be demolished. The company contracted to do the demo is currently outsourcing the salvage portion of the demo. This will be an improvement for the neighborhood.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Ken Schuman Seconded by: Chris Fought