

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 14, 2013– Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street, 2nd Floor – 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, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of December 10, 2012

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- **Election of Council President for 2013**

Motion to elect Ken Schuman Council President for 2013 by: Chris Fought

Seconded by: Julie Bell

Vote: All Ayes

- **Appointments to Redevelopment Commission**

Appointments to the Redevelopment Commission are one year terms. Julie Bell and Gary Bishop were the council appointments in 2012.

Motion to reappoint Julie Bell and Gary Bishop to the Redevelopment Commission by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Fisel has three appointments to the Redevelopment Commission. She reappointed John Mangona, Bryan Shearer, and herself for 2013.

Certain other appointments were due. Mayor Fisel reappointed Becky Gray to the Region III-A board. Clyde Patrick was appointed to the Plan Commission due to the resignation of Nate Reynolds.

Bob Lord recently gave his resignation from the Plan Commission but the Mayor has not yet appointed his replacement. Curt Gierhan, a county appointment, resigned from the Plan Commission and a replacement will need to be made by the County Commissioners. There is one position on the Park Board up for appointment this year. The Mayor will look into this and make a decision soon. Mayor Fisel thanked those that serve on the boards. She appreciates their involvement in the community.

Department Heads are also reappointed annually. The Mayor reappointed the following:

Fire Department – Jeremy Weaver

Police Department – Bryan Shearer

Street Department – Mike Burdette

Water Department – Jeff Boyle

Wastewater Department – Mark Schultz

The Park Director is not a mayoral appointment but is appointed by the Park Board.

Claim Registers – APV # 38311 to 38577

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan: A copy of the Park Department Annual Report for 2012 was distributed to council members. Registrations at the Rec Center are up. The Splash Pad has been ordered and they hope to break ground in April.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette: Previously council asked Mike to look into street lights for the Southfield addition. AEP will furnish 9 lights with no installation cost for a combined charge of \$100 per month. The Board of Works approved the addition at their last meeting.

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver: Deconstruction has begun at the former city hall which will be renovated for the fire department. Completion is expected to take 75 days.

Council Member Becky Gray: The new City Offices and council room are beautiful.

Council President Ken Schuman: The open house for the City Offices was fantastic and well attended. This is an asset the City should be proud of. Ken expressed his appreciation to everyone for everything they have done to make it happen.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Thanks to Alan for his report on the Park Department. Thanks to Mike for taking care of the street lights for Southfield. The new offices are very nice. Everyone did a wonderful job.

Mayor Patty Fisel: The Mayor again thanked everyone who serves or has served on city boards. Important decisions need to be made. She announced that there will be a BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals) public hearing on January 21 at 6:00 in council chambers. The board will be considering a variance and a public easement.

The City has been notified by IDEM of an air permit application for Structural Composites.

The Mayor is grateful to everyone involved in the new City Hall project. She is thankful for the attendance at the open house. She commented that the City is blessed to have a building in the downtown.

Mayor Fisel thanked the following, she appreciates everything they do:

Council for being very supportive and for their good attendance

City Attorney Steve Hagen for all he does for the community

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn for handling all of the details on the City Hall project

City Engineers Triad – the designers of the City Hall project

Schrock Commercial from Goshen – the contractors for the City Hall project

In closing, the Mayor wished everyone a prosperous and successful new year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought