

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2013 – Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Library Grant

Bob Murphy and Jerry Nesbit were present on behalf of the Ligonier Public Library. They would like the city to act as their applicant for a \$400,000 construction grant for a renovation and addition to the existing library building. The full application is due May 31 for the statewide grant. The library is also expecting to raise philanthropic funds to supplement the grant. Comments were made by the following:

Jerry Nesbit, Director – There is a lack of room in the current building. The community room is too small to accommodate the summer reading program. The air conditioning, heating and lighting are antiquated. There is no work space for the employees. The ceiling in the 1908 portion of the building may be collapsing.

Angela Scott, Program Director – It is difficult to do programming because of lack of room. They are unable to do cooking programs as there is no kitchen available. All of the areas are not wheel chair or ADA accessible.

As there were no further comments, the public hearing was closed by Mayor Fisel.

Bob Murphy then presented a fair housing resolution, a four factor analysis, and authorization for RP Murphy & Associates to prepare the public hearing minutes along with a request that council allows the city to act as the duly authorized applicant for the grant.

Motion to give authority for the city to act as the duly authorized applicant and allow the mayor to sign the necessary documents by: Ken Schuman Seconded by: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

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

Absent: City Attorney Steve Hagen

Minutes from previous meeting of January 28, 2013

Motion to approve by: Chris Fought Seconded by: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

New Business

• Umbaugh & Associates – Library General Obligation Bonds

Todd Samuelson of Umbaugh & Associates presented information regarding the issuance of a General Obligation Bond on behalf of the library. The bond funds would be used in conjunction with the construction grant to pay for the proposed renovation and addition at the library. The amount of the bond would be \$1,487,008. Issuance of the bond would require approval from the city. An informational sheet with estimated monthly tax impact for residents, commercial property, and farmland was presented. The impact on properties in the city was negligible. The library will return to council on March 11 to ask for approval of a resolution to issue bonds.

• RFQ Opening for Stormwater Study

As the city is pursuing grant for a storm water rate study, a letter with a RFQ (request for qualifications) was sent to five engineering firms including two minority firms. One firm replied, Triad Associates. Bob Murphy opened the packet and the materials will be forwarded to the review committee. A storm water utility is necessary to address drainage problems.

• Jeld-Wen CF-1

The annual tax abatement compliance form (CF-1) for Jeld-Wen was received and reviewed by council. The estimated jobs on the original SB-1 were 82 with salaries of \$3,050,000 compared to the actual of 79 with salaries of \$3,584,030.

Motion to approve the CF-1 for Jeld-Wen by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

• Capital Assets Ordinance (Revised) – Ordinance 829-2013

Minor changes were made to the life of certain assets listed in the capital assets ordinance. Therefore, at the city attorney's suggestion, the revised ordinance was presented with a new ordinance number requiring three readings.

Claim Registers – APV # 38684 to 38815

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer: Bryan reported that he met with Daric Weimer regarding the road race discussed at a previous meeting. The group has decided to wait a year for further planning and organization of the event which expects to bring 400 runners to the city. Bryan will present his annual report at the next meeting.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: The north side project is nearly completed with the exception of the area at SR5. Baseline has begun the installation of their fiber optic lines. Request for bids on the 2013 paving program was advertised. The bids will be opened at the February 27 BOW meeting and the project is expected to be underway in April.

Council Member Becky Gray: Becky thanked the library representative for their clarification and presentation of the grant and bond information.

Mayor Patty Fisel: IDEM notification of an air permit for Tenneco was received. The old Oak Leaf Village nursing home has been leveled. The property will be cleaned up and seeded. This is a major improvement for the residents of this neighborhood. A quote was requested from the contractors who did the demolition of the nursing home, for the city owned property on Fourth Street. The proposed idea would be to use this property for an Amish buggy parking lot in lieu of the current parking on Station Street.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Ken Schuman

Seconded by: Chris Fought

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor