

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2013 – Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Presentation to Doctor Stone

After over 50 years of service to the community, Doctor Stone retired in May. Mayor Fisel and Council President Ken Schuman presented Doc with a key to the City in appreciation for his dedication to our community.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Sewage Penalty

City Attorney Steve Hagen explained that while earlier rate ordinances spelled out the penalty, the new versions recently passed did not specifically include the language. Therefore, ordinances to address the omission were drafted and public hearing must be held.

With no comment from the public – the public hearing was closed by Mayor Fisel.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Stormwater Penalty

With no comment from the public – the public hearing was closed by Mayor Fisel.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Water Penalty

With no comment from the public – the public hearing was closed by Mayor Fisel.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

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

Absent: Council member Becky Gray

Minutes from previous meeting of June 10, 2013

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Bob Buttgen, 7750 Highland Drive

Comment: A blood drive will be held at the Methodist Church on July 5, The Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, and Business of the Year. Email nominations to: chamber@lgtel.com

Unfinished Business

▪ **Ordinance 836-2013 – Sewage Penalty**

Ordinance 836-2013 passed on the first reading at the meeting of June 10, 2013. It spells out the late payment penalty as 10%.

Motion to pass ordinance 836-2013 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass ordinance 836-2013 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

▪ **Ordinance 837-2013 – Stormwater Penalty**

Ordinance 837-2013 passed on the first reading at the meeting of June 10, 2013. It spells out the late payment penalty as 10%.

Motion to pass ordinance 837-2013 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass ordinance 837-2013 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

▪ **Ordinance 838-2013 – Water Penalty**

Ordinance 838-2013 passed on the first reading at the meeting of June 10, 2013. It spells out the late payment penalty as 10%.

Motion to pass ordinance 838-2013 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass ordinance 838-2013 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

- **Ordinance 839-2013 – Credit Card**

Ordinance 839-2013 passed on the first reading at the meeting of June 10, 2013. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn explained that due to the patriot act, she was notified by the bank that generic department credit cards are no longer allowed. The ordinance was drafted to allow authorized employees to be allowed a city credit card issued in their name.

Motion to pass ordinance 839-2013 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass ordinance 839-2013 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

- **Perry Township Fire Contract for 2014**

Barb Donley, Perry Township Trustee, was present and asked that the council consider an increase of no more than 1.5% for 2014. The contract had not been increased since 2011 and is \$27,638.83. The township pays for the truck, gas, insurance, and upkeep. Ken Schuman proposed a 1.5% increase to help defray rising costs such as utilities that are paid for by the city.

Motion to increase the Perry Township Fire Contract for 2014 by 1.5% for a total of \$28,058.41: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #39802-39953

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Parks Director Alan Duncan: The splash pad is going well. Thanks to Mike Burdette and his department for their help. Also thanks to Bryan Shearer and the police department for watching over the park this summer.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette: The department ground 60 stumps last week for the park and residents who had trees removed from the right of way.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer: Pet owners are not cleaning up after their pets in the downtown area including sidewalks and landscaping. The department will begin issuing citations.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: State Road 5 and the viaduct will reopen Friday, June 28, barring any rain delays. Paving on the north side will begin in the next few weeks. The Board of Works will accept quotes to resurface Gerber Street at the July 10th meeting. The Gerber Street project will likely be moved ahead of the Main Street/Union Street paving project, moving Main/Union to after the Marshmallow Festival.

Council Member Chris Fought: Thanks to Jenny Thompson and FLA for their efforts in the beautification of downtown with the flowers and landscaping. Thanks to the police and fire departments for safety day at Owens.

City Attorney Steve Hagen: The Tenneco bond closed last week. This joint venture with Tenneco and the Redevelopment Commission allowed incentives and commitment by both parties and an increase of 130 jobs at Tenneco.

Council Member Julia Bell: The flowers in the downtown are gorgeous. A misinformed resident felt the new water rates were due to the splash pad but Julia informed them the park department pays for the water just as any other user.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Patty Fisel:

- Notification was received from IDEM of an air permit approval for Structural Composites.
- NIPSCO sent notification of several meetings set up to provide information regarding the new electric transmission line spanning approximately 100 miles from Reynolds to Topeka. It will help create jobs, enhance system reliability, and environmental benefits. A final route will be selected in August.
- Thanks to everyone for attending. We encourage our citizens to attend the city meetings.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought