

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2013 – Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations by Mayor Fisel

Bob Buttgen asked the amount and reason for the funding. The amount of \$30,000 from the Riverboat Fund is to pay for a capital expense. He asked the balance of the fund after the appropriation. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn will get back to him with the information.

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

Call to order – Common Council Meeting 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 Jun 24, 2013

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business

▪ **Perry Township Fire Contract for 2014**

Council approved a 1.5% increase for a total of \$28,058.41 as the previous meeting. The contract was available for approval and signatures.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

New Business

▪ **Ordinance 840-2013 – Additional Appropriations**

Ordinance 840-2013 for additional appropriations from the Riverboat Fund in the amount of \$30,000 for capital outlay was available for approval.

*Motion to approve Ordinance 840-2013 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 840-2013 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to further suspend the rules and approve Ordinance 840-2013 on the third and final reading:
Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes*

Claim Registers – APV #39954-40034

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle: Work has begun on the new backwash tank at the water plant.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette: Niblock will be here in approximately two weeks to begin the paving program on the north side.

Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer: Bryan has been in discussions with WNSC Superintendent Dr. Dennis Van Dyne regarding his request to add a SRO (school resources officer) on the south campus. Most schools are receiving 75% of wages and benefits from the school for the SRO. We are currently receiving 50% of wages only. Bryan be meeting with Dr. Van Dyne and will propose the 75% funding of wages and benefits for our existing officer as well as for an additional officer. Council feels that 75% funding is fair and preferable but did give Bryan some leeway to negotiate. After negotiations, an inter-local agreement will be drafted by the city attorney.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Thanks to the fire department for taking such fast control of the fire. The Splash Pad is great. Great job on the north side project. She is anxious to have the streets paving completed.

Council Member Chris Fought: Chris inquired as to the river walk expense on the claims register asking where the additional work was done. C-T Barb Hawn will get back to him. Chris also asked about the possibility of budgeting for trees to be replanted when dead trees are removed from the right of way. Street Superintendent Mike Burdette will look into it.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn: The auditor from State Board of Accounts has begun the audit of 2012. This will be a full federal audit since the city received a SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan over \$500,000 which includes federal funds. Barb also reported back to Bob Buttgen the balance in the Riverboat fund is currently \$100,576.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Patty Fisel: The viaduct has been reopened but the north side project is not yet complete. There are still some connections to be completed. The streets will be paved. Yards that were excavated will be repaired and seeded. Sidewalks which were removed will be replaced. If anyone has complaints, contact the mayor and a resolution will be worked out.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor