

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 22, 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

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 July 8, 2013

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Noble County GIS Presentation

Steve Cook, Noble County GIS Coordinator and Lowell Davis, Pictometry District Manager gave a presentation on the need for an update of the county's pictometry. They are asking financial assistance from units in the county. The amount requested from Ligonier is \$2,846.59. This will give access to Pictometry Connect, a web based application which can prove valuable to the building department, police department, and fire department.

Motion to approve a contribution of \$2846.59 from the 2014 CREDIT budget to assist the pictometry for Noble County: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Cook and Davis both thanked the council for their contribution. Additional information regarding the number of licenses required and training sessions will be available at a later date.

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Gary Bishop, 306 Pontiac Street

Comment: Requesting the city look into the parking on Pontiac Street. Currently parking is allowed on both sides which make it very difficult to get a car through. The Mayor will have the street superintendent and police chief look into the issue.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

▪ B & R – Property at 203 Water Street

The city owns a strip of land adjacent to property at 203 Water Street owned by B & R. They are interested in purchasing the strip of land. The city attorney explained that the land would be advertised, a public hearing would be held, and bids would be accepted in order to sell the property. It would also be advisable to have a survey. It would be council's decision to go through the necessary process.

Motion to pursue selling the property with no ultimate costs to the city: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

▪ Proposed Pay Increase for 2014

Mayor Fisel recommended council approve a 2% pay increase for city employees for 2014.

Motion approve a 2% pay increase for non-elected city employees for 2014: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #40035-40173

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

City Engineer Rick Pharis: The 2013 paving program awarded to Niblock on the north side should begin in approximately 10 days. The Main/Union paving project awarded to API Construction should begin the second week of August. The Gerber/Martin paving project will be tentatively awarded to Niblock at the BOW meeting on Wednesday. AEP has agreed to move two poles at the Martin/Richmond intersection. This will allow the curve radius to be changed to allow for easier turns by semis. A meeting for information gathering only (no decisions will be made) for council members will be held at the WWTP with a date yet to be determined.

Park Director Alan Duncan: Thanks to the Hagen Foundation for a contribution allowing the purchase of picnic tables and umbrellas for the Splash Pad area and benches for the Farmer's Market at Pettit Park.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Kelly was approached by a resident about dogs using the sidewalks on Fourth Street and the dog owner not cleaning up after the dog. This has also been a problem downtown. While the city does have an ordinance regarding clean up after dogs, it is difficult to enforce unless the violator is observed.

Council Member Julia Bell: Julia inquired about activity at the Splash Pad. Park Director Alan Duncan reported that during the stretch of hot days the Splash Pad activity increased and was opened early, at 10:00 am.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Patty Fisel: The Mayor expressed her pleasure of the city's website providing benefit to the city by providing interest in the community. She had a recent contact regarding a multi-family property and the building now owned by the city behind the Marathon station.

Adjournment

As there was no further business before the council

Motion to adjourn: Julia Bell

Second: Becky Gray

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor