

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 12, 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 Becky Gray, and Kelly Ware  
Mayor Patty Fisel and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn  
Absent: Council members Chris Fought and Julia Bell, City Attorney Steve Hagen

**Minutes from previous meeting of July 22, 2013**

***Motion to approve: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Citizens Comments**

**Name & Address:** Bob Buttgen, Highland Drive

**Comment:** Benefit for the Kathary Family on Sunday August 25 from 1-4 at the Cross Walk  
The Marshmallow Festival still needs help in the information tent.

**Unfinished Business**

▪ **Amended CEDIT Plan**

Council approved a payment of \$2900 for updates to the pictorial of the Noble County GIS website. Therefore, the CEDIT plan for 2014 requires amending to account for these funds. This takes the total 2014 CEDIT plan to \$147,200.

***Motion to approve the amended CEDIT Plan for a total of \$147,200: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

▪ **Library Budget 2014 Information**

Jerry Nesbitt from the Ligonier Public Library was in attendance to inform council they would be required to approve the Library budget for 2014 since the new debt they will incur will cause them to exceed the 2.6% growth quotient. The library has an appointed board and the excess requires passage by an elected board. He is requesting the public hearing be set for September 23, 2014 at 6:30 with the adoption hearing on October 14, 2014 at 6:30. Both hearings will be held in Council Chambers.

***Motion to set the Ligonier Public Library budget hearings at 6:30, Public Hearing on September 23 and Adoption on October 14: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **City Budget 2014 Information**

The City's budget was presented to council for their review. The estimated max levy is \$1,502.641 and the budget (without debt service) falls just under at \$1,502,055. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn asked permission to advertise the budget as presented. The public hearing is set for September 23, 2014 at 7:00 with the adoption hearing on October 14, 2014 at 7:00.

***Motion to set the approve the advertisement of the budget as presented: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Elected Salary Comparisons**

Salaries of comparable size cities and towns, as well as nearby cities and towns were provided to council for their review to use as a measure in establishing the salaries for elected officials for 2014. After discussion, it was determined to table the issue since full council was not in attendance.

***Motion to table a decision on the 2014 salary for elected officials: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Becky Gray***

***Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Appointed Board Salaries for 2014**

Clarification was requested on the salaries for the Board of Public Works for 2014 and other city board members. As council previously approved a 2% salary increase for city employees, they agreed on the same for board members.

***Motion to approve a 2% salary increase for BOW members in 2014: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Becky Gray***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve a 2% salary increase for city board members in 2014: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Becky Gray***

***Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Redevelopment Commission Report to Council**

The required reporting was emailed to all council members on July 24, 2013 and members documented receiving the report. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn asked permission to submit the report to the state.

***Motion to approve the RDC report for submission to the state via Gateway: Becky Gray***

***Second: Ken Schuman***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV # 40174 to 40343**

***Motion to approve: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

*Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver:* No Comments

*Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer:* A police car was totaled last month and the insurance payout was \$6600, which will not cover the cost of a new car. The BOW approved the purchase of a new vehicle pending funding. CCD funds are available and appropriated for equipment in the amount of \$25,000. This coupled with the insurance funds would cover the cost. Chief Shearer asked permission to use the CCD funds for the car purchase.

***Motion to approve the use of appropriated CCD funds for the police car purchase: Becky Gray***

***Second: Ken Schuman***

***Vote: All Ayes***

Chief Shearer also reported that he was unable to come to terms with WNSC Superintendent Dennis Van Dyne on the additional resource officer. When he left the negotiation meeting he was under the impression an agreement in which the school would pay 70% and the city pay 30% of two resource officer's wages and benefits, would be ready to sign by the end of the week. However, the superintendent made the decision not to go forward, and also decided not to present to the school board for their consideration. The police department will continue to provide security to the school's south campus. The existing SRO at WN Primary will remain in place. An agreement of 50/50 wages and benefits was agreed upon.

*Street Superintendent Mike Burdette:* The paving project on the north side will be completed by Friday. The Union/Main paving project will also be complete by Friday. Bids for the sidewalks on North Cavin will be taken at the BOW meeting on Wednesday.

*Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle:* Absent

*WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz:* Absent

*Park Director Alan Duncan:* Peddlers in the Park was held last Saturday and went well. Sign up for flag football is in progress until August 28<sup>th</sup>. The mural for the Farmer's Market Pavilion will be installed on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn:* The federal audit of 2012 was completed today. The exit conference will be held in the near future. The city intends to issue a GO Bond for street improvements in 2014-2015. Additional information will be forthcoming. The city recently changed health insurance companies which will provide better employee co-pays and a reduced premium through Cigna.

**Mayor's Comments**

*Mayor Patty Fisel:* The first draft of the hotel feasibility study is being corrected and updated. The mayor will request the changes be made and a final draft be issued.

There has been interest in the city owned property on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. However, the mayor is not going to present to council because the party wants the city to donate the property and they are not willing to renovate the property.

The east side is scheduled for sewer project next year and streets will be repaved at that time.

The north side project is nearly completed. There have been just a few complaints overall and most issues have been resolved or will be resolved in the near future.

**Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Kelly Ware***