

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 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 Grant by Mayor Fisel

Grant Administrator Bob Murphy addressed the public regarding a DR2 grant the city will apply for to demolish the former Wirk Garment building. He addressed questions and concerns regarding environmental issues. In 2008, the asbestos and lead paint were cleaned up and the soil is clean as far as we know. Discovery Express still owns the property but will sign paperwork giving the city an option to purchase. There is still work to do. RFQ request was advertised and will be opened on December 2. The public hearing was closed as no further comments were made.

Mr. Murphy presented and read in its entirety, Resolution #1112-2013 – Slum and Blight Spot Declaratory Resolution, for the Wirk Garment property.

Motion to pass resolution 1112-2013, Slum and Blight Spot Declaratory Resolution: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman ***Vote: All ayes***

Mr. Murphy also presented and read in its entirety, Resolution 1112A-2013, a resolution authorizing the application submission and local match commitment.

Motion to pass resolution 1112A-2013, Resolution Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment: Ken Schuman ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All ayes***

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, and Julia Bell

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council member Kelly Ware

Minutes from previous meeting of October 28, 2013

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman ***Second: Julia Bell*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Gary Bishop, 306 Pontiac Street, Ligonier

Comment: Thanked the West Noble Schools for their program honoring the Veterans yesterday. They did a great job.

Name & Address: Julia Bell, 701 Lincolnway South, Ligonier

Comment: Inquired regarding how to change or add stop signs. She has had complaints with a few areas in the school walk zone, especially on Grand and Martin Streets. Street Superintendent Mike Burdette and Police Chief Bryan Shearer will look into the matter. Any changes would be made by ordinance.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

▪ Way Finding Signage – Mark Furkis representing Future Ligonier Alliance

FLA would like to purchase Way Finding Signs. These could be for parking, parks, gardens, museums, library, etc. Drawings and quotes from framework and follow INDOT guidelines as they would be installed on US 5. FLA is asking permission to pursue the signage send an application to INDOT.

Motion to preliminarily approve the way finding signage and pursue a contract with INDOT: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman ***Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV # 40934-41086

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman ***Second: Julia Bell*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Pat Brown of Site Scapes provided the initial drawing of plans for Pettit Park. Public meetings were held for input. The Park is asking for further input and then final drawings will be prepared.
- The Park is working with the DNR on the canoe/boat launch. The project will not be completed until 2015.
- Registration for fourth and fifth grade basketball is now underway.
- A Turkey Shoot will take place on November 23. Thanks to Owens for their donation.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The department will continue to pick up leaves until the first week of December.

Council Member Chris Fought

- The plans for Pettit Park are very nice and well thought out.
- The progress that FLA has made since 2005 with the revitalization of the downtown is great. Chris commended Betty Peterson and Ruth Elijah for their work on the mural project. Awesome job – celebrate the progress.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Thanks to Betty and Ruth for their work on the murals. They have done a great job. Visitors to his mill from Lansing had heard of the murals and were excited about viewing them.

Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The GO Bonds sold today at an interest rate of 1.98%. The closing is November 26. Proceeds will be used for street improvements, equipment, and possible building demolition.

Council Member Julie Bell

- The new mural brochures look very nice. Thanks to Betty Peterson for taking the photos.

Council Member Becky Gray

- Inquired when the new brochures will be available. Betty replied that proofs will be sent back with corrections and then approval for printing will be given. Betty also thanked the Rex Hagen Foundation for sponsoring the brochures.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thanks to those involved with the new TIF map. The expansion can help to make a great difference in the downtown.
- Thanks to Steve Hagen, Ice Miller, and Umbaugh for their help on the GO Bond.
- The Mayor is privileged to make appointments. Daric Weimer recently resigned from the Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Carole Bewley has been a volunteer at the Ligonier Visitor's Bureau. She has graciously agreed to serve on the NCVB board for a three year term. Thanks to Carole.
- Thanks to Alan Duncan for his work on the Pettit Park Plan.
- In June 2014, 150 antique cars will be doing a coffee and donut stop at Pettit Park. More information will be available at a later date.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor