

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, December 9, 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 – Public Hearing for Library Additional Appropriations

No public comments were made

Close Public Hearing

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

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 November 25, 2013

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

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Byron Fought – 505 Rear Smith Street

Comment: There is a cat problem on the east side of the city. Mr. Fought counted 17 cats at one house in the area. Police Chief Bryan Shearer will help address the problem and asked Mr. Fought to stop in to meet with him.

Unfinished Business

▪ **DNR Agreement – Canoe/Boat Launch**

It was felt a more accurate drawing/photo of the parcel being considered for the boat launch is submitted.

Motion to table the DNR Agreement for more accurate information: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

New Business

▪ **Ordinance 848-2013 – Library Additional Appropriations**

An ordinance appropriating \$43,000 from the Library Reserve Fund was before the council for approval.

Motion to pass ordinance 848-2013 by title only on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 848-2013 by title only on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass ordinance 848-2013 by title only on the third and final reading:

Ken Schuman Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

▪ **Resolution 1209-2013 – TIF Expansion Approval**

A resolution to merge the two existing TIF districts was presented. The merger has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission and Plan Commission.

Motion to pass resolution 1209-2013 merging the TIF districts: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

▪ **McDonalds Annexation**

○ **Fiscal Plan and Resolution 1209A-2013**

A fiscal plan to annex the McDonalds property was presented. McDonalds has consented to the annexation. The property is completely surrounded by city limits currently. The city is already providing water and sewage services.

Motion to approve the fiscal plan for the McDonalds annexation and pass resolution 1209A-2013: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

○ **Ordinance 847-2013**

Ordinance 847-2013 approving the annexation of McDonalds was introduced.

Motion to pass ordinance 847-2013 by title only on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Motion to set a public hearing for the McDonalds annexation for February 24, 2014: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman **Vote: All Ayes**

Council has one appointment to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) for 2014. Daniel Blevins is the current appointment and is interested in remaining on the commission.

Council has two appointments to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) for 2014. Julia Bell and Gary Bishop are the current appointments. Chris Fought expressed interest in serving on the commission. Julia Bell expressed interest in remaining on the commission.

One appointment to the park board is up and must be a Democrat. The Mayor will make this appointment at a future meeting.

Patricia Fisel, Mayor