

**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***

A public hearing is required before final passage of ordinance 847-2013

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

▪ **Council Appointments for 2014**

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.

***Motion to appoint Daniel Blevins to another term on the EDC: Ken Schuman***  
***Second: Chris Fought***      ***Vote: All Ayes***

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.

***Motion to appoint Chris Fought and Julia Bell to the RDC for 2014: Kelly Ware***  
***Second: Becky Gray***      ***Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Mayoral Appointments for 2014**

Mayor Fisel reappointed Barb Hawn to the EDC and John Mangona, Bryan Shearer and herself to the RDC for another term.

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

**Claim Registers – APV # 41165-41283**

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

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

*Street Superintendent Mike Burdette*

- The department is finished with leaf pick up for the season and ready for snow season.

*City Engineer Rick Pharis*

- INDOT has done some core borings on Cavin Street. They intend to resurface State Road 5 in 2016. Compliments to Jason Becker for the landscaping at Pettit Park.

*Council Member Chris Fought*

- Operation Foundation will have a planning committee meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church to reorganize for 2014.

*Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn*

- Thanks to Triad & Associates and Niblock Excavating for underwriting the Christmas Luncheon for City Employees on December 20.

**Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- We have hit another snag on the DR2 Grant for the garment building demolition. The letters of support have been received and Todd Zeiger is helping us through the snags.
- This is the last meeting of 2013. Thanks to everyone for their dedication and hard work.
- The state of the city address will take place in February with the date to be determined.

**Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman***      ***Second: Chris Fought***

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Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

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Patricia Fisel, Mayor