

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, February 10, 2014 – 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, 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 January 13, 2014**

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

**Citizens Comments – None**

**Unfinished Business – None**

**New Business**

- **Conflict of Interest Disclosure – J Cunningham**

Jeff Cunningham provided a conflict of interest form for land application of bio-solids on his farm land. According to WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz, there is a savings of approximately \$40,000 per year by land applying rather than having the sludge removed by an outside company. Our permitting and sampling fees are approximately \$5000 per year.

***Motion to approve Jeff Cunningham's conflict of interest disclosure: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

- **Resolution 0127-2014 – Year End Intra-fund Transfers**

A resolution to make intra-fund transfers to cover line item appropriation shortages from 2013 was presented by Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn.

***Motion to approve Resolution 0127-2014: Ken Schuman      Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

- **Resolution 2014-0210 – Noble County Joint Resolution**

A joint resolution with Noble County taxing units was presented. The resolution opposes the Governor's proposed bills currently in the state house and state senate which would eliminate the business personal property tax. This would be a great loss of revenue for the city and thus far there is no solid plan to replace the lost income. Discussion led to the following.

***Motion to approve Resolution 2014-0210 Ken Schuman      Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers**

The January 27, 2014 council meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Claims register for the cancelled meeting and the current meeting were available for approval.

**January 27, 2014 – APV 41481-41566**

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

**February 10, 2014 – APV 41567-41695**

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

## **Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

### ***Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver***

- The fire department annual report was provided by Chief Weaver who reviewed some of year's statistics.
- The photograph fundraiser for the volunteer department is still ongoing.

### ***Street Superintendent Mike Burdette***

- The department has been busy hauling snow from the downtown
- Quotes for a new dump truck have been received and will be presented to the Board of Works

### ***Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer***

- The code enforcement officer has been tagging cars that were not moved in 72 hours and we can tow after three days so that the snow can be plowed.
- The police department annual report will be presented on February 24

### ***Park Director Alan Duncan***

- The park department annual report was provided by Director Alan Duncan who reviews some of the year's highlights including an increase in rec center membership.
- The indoor garage sale and craft show will be held this weekend. About 60 vendors are signed up. Thanks for the help in clearing the snow from the parking lot.

### ***WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz***

- The snow has made it difficult for the crews doing some of the preliminary work for the next project.
- The department was able to get the lift station dug out last week

### ***City Engineer Rick Pharis***

- Preliminary work on the next wastewater project has begun
- Working the PER (Preliminary Engineer Report) for the Water Department project

### ***Council Member Chris Fought***

- Thank you and great job on working together and clearing the snow by the city departments.

### ***Council President Ken Schuman***

- Appreciate all of the departments working to plow the snow. Plows are actively working at 2:00 am to keep the streets clear.

### ***City Attorney Steve Hagen***

- The city has done a particularly good job of removing the snow.

### ***Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn***

- Thanks for the great job on the snow removal – much appreciated.
- The 1782 notice was received. The only change was a lowering of the debt service as the budget was prepared using estimates of the new GO Bond which came in lower. The assessed valuation was higher than estimated on the budget lowering the tax rate.

### ***Council Member Becky Gray***

- Thanks for the great job with the snow
- Thanks to Jeff Cunningham for continuing with the land application agreement allowing the city the cost savings for sludge removal

## **Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- The DR2 Grant for the garment building demolition is being looked at and the additional information needed has been or will be sent this week.
- Department Heads will meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 am

## **Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought***

***Second: Ken Schuman***