

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 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

Mayor Fisel announced that the public hearing regarding McDonald's annexation was mistakenly placed on the agenda and is scheduled for March 10, 2014.

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 February 10, 2014

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Bob Buttgen, Ligonier

Comment: The City is doing a great job on the snow removal

Unfinished Business

▪ **Ordinance 847-2013 – McDonalds Annexation**

Ordinance 847-2013 pass on the first reading on December 9, 2013. City Attorney Steve Hagen explained that the second and third readings for passage must take place 30 days after the public hearing, which is scheduled for March 10, 2014.

New Business

▪ **Police Department Annual Report**

Police Chief Bryan Shearer went over highlights of 2013 for the Police Department.

Claim Registers – APV #41696-41784

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The BOW approved the purchase of a new dump truck. It has been ordered and will take 5-6 months to come in.
- The department will be working to fill pot holes.
- Mike will be working with Rick Pharis on the 2014 paving program as well as streets requiring crack seal repair.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The agreed order for the wastewater plant has been updated and approved by the BOW and IDEM.
- We are planning to pursue an OCRA grant and SRF financing for the Phase II Wastewater Project.
- We will award a small contract for an awning at the back door to city hall to due to bird droppings.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks to Bryan for the annual report. It makes it easier for a council member to know what is happening.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Ken commended the police department for the extremely quick response time when he has called 911 to his plant. They handled the situation with the utmost professionalism.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- An open house will be held on Friday, February 28 from 11-2 for Richard Moser who is retiring after 40 years service to the city.
- The annual report was submitted to the Gateway today and a copy was emailed to council members.
- The January fund and reconciliation reports were emailed to council members today.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Thanks to Bryan for a wonderful presentation.

Council Member Becky Gray

- Thanks to Bryan for the presentation. It was also good to see the technology in the council room in use.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The Mayor met with David Gee of Region III-A regarding a grant for homeowners over 55 years of age to help with home repairs. The home must be owner occupied and there are income requirements. If we proceed, the city would need to come up with a 10% match, a maximum of \$20,000 as the grant maximum is \$200,000. We would need to put a list of names together to submit to Region III-A to contact for the application process. We would also need to determine where the city would fund the match.
- The Mayor will present her state of the city address prior to the next council meeting, Monday, March 10, 2014 at 6:00 pm.
- There will be two public hearings at the next council meeting on March 10, the McDonald's Annexation and the OCRA Grant for the Wastewater Plant.