

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2014 – Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order Public Hearing for McDonald's Annexation by Mayor Fisel

City Attorney Steve Hagen entered into the record the proof of publication from KPC News. The public hearing was advertised in the Advance-Leader. In addition notices were mailed certified to Destiny Management and McDonalds Corporation.

Bob Buttgen asked for the numbers concerning taxes. This information will be provided as it was not available at the time.

As there were no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Call to order Public Hearing for OCRA Grant by Mayor Fisel

Bob Murphy was present to conduct a hearing for an OCRA grant the city is pursuing in the amount of \$600,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Bob Buttgen asked about the area of coverage for the project. It includes the southeast side of the city and the mandated sewer and storm water line separation.

City Engineer Rick Pharis thanked Mr. Murphy for agreeing to take on the administration of the grant.

As there were no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

Call to order – Common Council Meeting by Mayor Fisel

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

OCRA Grant

Mayor Fisel informed council it would be necessary for a motion to authorize signing the paperwork to apply for the OCRA grant for the wastewater treatment plant.

Motion to allow Mayor Fisel to sign the paperwork for the OCRA Grant: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Minutes from previous meeting of February 24, 2013

Motion to approve: Kelly Ware

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

▪ **BRC Rubber – CF-1 (RP)**

A CF-1 from BRC Rubber was available for approval. This was for a building purchased. Ken Schuman made a motion to approve based on the increase in salaries of \$400,000 over the estimate. In discussion, Chris Fought felt a company representative should be present to address the fact that the purchase/abatement did not result in the expected employee increase. Ken Schuman then withdrew his motion.

Motion to take the CF-1 under advisement and ask a company represent to be available at the next council meeting to address the employee numbers: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman ***Vote: All Ayes***

- **Conflict of Interest – Bryan Shearer**

Bryan Shearer, Police Chief/Public Safety Director, presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest form as he is the current president of the IACP Foundation which he will be asking permission for the city to act as a pass through agency for a grant. This is an unpaid appointment and Shearer has no financial benefit from the grant.

Motion to accept and approve the conflict of interest from Bryan Shearer: Ken Schuman
Second: Kelly Ware **Vote: All Ayes**

- **IACP Foundation Pass Through Grant**

On behalf of the IACP Foundation, Bryan Shearer asked the council's permission for the city to act as a pass through agency for a training grant for professional law enforcement through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The foundation cannot apply directly as it must be through a public agency.

City Attorney Steve Hagen contacted Charlie Pride of the SBOA who finds no reason the city could not act in this capacity. It would be similar to the pass through grants the city has done for the local library. Further discussion led to the following.

Motion to allow the city to act as a pass through agency for the IACP Foundation grant: Ken Schuman
Second: Kelly Ware **Vote: All Ayes**

- **Park Board Appointment**

Mayor Fisel announced that she is appointing Matt Kreager to a four year term on the park board. This appointment is effective March 2014.

Claim Registers – APV # 41785-41921

Motion to approve: Becky Gray Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

- *Building Inspector Earle Franklin*
Permits have been slow due to the rough winter but are starting to pick up.
- *Street Superintendent Mike Burdette*
Two members of the street department were planning to attend road school in West Lafayette but have cancelled due to the storm expected on Wednesday.
- *WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz*
Mark apologized for being late to the Mayor's State of the City address
- *City Engineer Rick Pharis*
A letter to the owner of the property on Martin Street running the auto repair shop in the garage was sent. The owner lives in Florida and is selling the property to the current occupant on land contract. The tenant and owner were instructed that the practice must be discontinued within 30 days as it is a residential area not zoned for business. After that time, fines may be assessed.
- *Park Director Alan Duncan*
Alan gave members a copy of the proposed Pettit Park plan. He also asked them to consider establishing a Park Cumulative Fund to raise funds for the new park. This would take time to accumulate funds. Clerk-Treasurer

Barb Hawn commented that this levy would not be in addition to the max levy, but would be included in the max levy, therefore taking away from other funds levy totals.

- *Council Member Becky Gray*
Becky commented that it was great to see the police department going after grants for training.
- *Council Member Kelly Ware*
Kelly thanked Mike and his staff for cancelling plans to attend road school to take care of the city streets.
- *Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn*
The final budget order was received. The bank reconciliation and fund reports were emailed to council members.

McDonalds Annexation

Alecie Marbley, Director of Operations of McDonalds was present and apologized for missing the public hearing. She confirmed that McDonalds supports the annexation of their business into the city limits. The city is already providing services to the business such as water, sewage, etc.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

As Mayor Fisel gave her state of the city address prior to the council meeting, she had no further comments. Let the record show she announced that the city received a DR-2 Clearance Grant to demolish the old "Wirk Garment Building" in the amount of \$217,000.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought