

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, March 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

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council member Chris Fought

Minutes from previous meeting of March 10, 2014

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

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Gary Bishop, 306 Pontiac Street

Comment: Gary requested a sign for no parking here to corner on Pontiac Street. Currently there is parking on both sides of the street and it makes it difficult for cars to get through. Street Superintendent Mike Burdette will review the situation tomorrow.

Name & Address: Bob Buttgen, Ligonier

Comment: Showcase Ligonier is Saturday from 9-4 at the Crosswalk. There are currently 35+ exhibitors.

Unfinished Business

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

The ordinance cannot be passed until 30 days after the public hearing and will be on the next council agenda.

New Business

▪ **AME Swiss Machining – CF-1 (2 PP)**

Blake Geer was present to address two CF-1 (tax abatement compliance forms) for AME Swiss Machining. He thanked the council for awarding abatement and commented that the business is doing very well. The employment and salaries exceed the projections made when abatement was requested.

Motion to approve two CF-1 compliance forms for AME Swiss Machining: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

▪ **Geniff Properties – CF-1 (PP)**

Blake Geer also addressed the CF-1 for Geniff Properties for Advanced Metal Etching. This business has had a difficult time during the great recession but is making a nice improvement this year. Companies are again outsourcing their etching whereas they were hesitant during the recession.

Based on the explanation and the salary numbers, motion to approve CF-1 for Geniff: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #41922-42007

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

▪ ***Street Superintendent Mike Burdette***

We will begin taking down dead trees in our right of way (between curb and sidewalk) in the next couple of weeks. All other trees are at the owner's expense.

- ***City Engineer Rick Pharis***

The next sewer project phase is close to going to bid.

The bid documents for the garment building will be prepared for bids in May.

Specifications to take down the old “Superior” building will be prepared and quotes will be requested at the same time as bids for the garment building.

The auto shop operating on Martin and Fourth has ceased operation.

We are beginning to work on the paving program for 2014.

- ***Council Member Kelly Ware***

A 5K Run for Crohn’s Disease and One Mile Fun Run to benefit Hannah Rose will be held Saturday, March 29 at 10:00

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

Thank everyone for being here. Thanks to Blake for sharing the great news about the growth of AME Swiss.