

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, April 14, 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 – Public Hearing CDBG Grant

Bob Murphy was present to take comments from the public regarding a CDBG Grant for the sewer separation project. He clarified for the record that the original ad was incorrect as it stated that the city is applying for a \$600,000. However, in a meeting with the OCRA field liaison we learned that we are only able to apply for \$550,000 in grant funds.

The city will also be applying for SRF funds totaling \$4,700,000 to complete the project.

City Engineer Rick Pharis reported that grant funds will be used in connection with the sewer separation on the east side of the city and the upgrade at the WWTP to increase efficiency – both are part of the IDEM agreed order with the city.

Mr. Murphy reported that receipt of the grant would allow sewer rates to be reduced by \$1.00.

As there were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:06.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

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

Minutes from previous meeting of March 24, 2014

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

Resolution 0414-2014 (Authorizing Grant Application and Matching Funds)

A resolution to approve the CDBG grant application and matching funds was available for approval.

*Motion to approve resolution 0414-2014 – grant application and matching funds: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All*

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business

▫ **Ordinance 847-2013 (McDonald's Annexation)**

Ordinance 847-2013 annexing the McDonalds property was passed on the first reading on December 9, 2013 and public hearing was held on March 10, 2014.

*Motion to pass ordinance 847-2013 on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass ordinance 847-2013 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes*

The ordinance will be advertised in the Advance-Leader.

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- This Saturday is citywide clean up at the street department from 8-1
- The dead tree removal was to begin today but was delayed due to the high winds
- The old 1990 Ford dump truck has repairs totaling \$4000, more than it is worth. We will be selling to Campbell's as scrap and looking for a used truck to replace it.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- We are looking into erosion on Cavin Street near the Hen House.
- Quotes will be taken for crack sealing several city streets at the next BOW meeting
- The Superior building was tested for asbestos sealing and the results are not back yet. We will quote demo at the time we ask for bids on the garment building demo.
- The car repair shop operating out of the garage at 308 S. Martin Street has ceased.
- We are working on solving drainage issues on Mercer Street and at the intersection of US 6 and Martin Street near the Pizza Hut.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Operation Foundation will be held June 18-21 this year. Applications for projects will be done through local churches this year and the church will then supply a project leader for the project.
- Homeowners can also submit applications; however the church projects will have priority.
- The Man lift will be rented again so if there are projects in the downtown area, they can be addressed.
- Operation Foundation is funded by grants and donations. This year's budget is \$11,000. Homeowners supply the materials and OF provides the labor. The labor in the past has been valued at approximately \$250,000 per year.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The bank reconciliation and fund reports for March 2014 were emailed to the Mayor and council members.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The property at 501 N. Martin Street was offered to adjacent property owners by the county commissioner's in a certificate sale and was purchased. The new owner will work to repair and clean up the property as soon as they are allowed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman