

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, May 12, 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, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell  
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Minutes from previous meeting of April 28, 2014**

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

**Citizens Comments**

Betty Peterson Dewey, Martin Street

The Visitors Bureau will be hosting 100-200 cars as they cruise through Ligonier on June 22 at 10:00 am. They will be at Pettit Park and will stop for donuts and coffee. She asked for garbage cans to be set up in the park and assistance with parking and street crossing. In the event of rain, the cars will be at Kenney Park.

**Unfinished Business – none**

**New Business**

▪ **Ordinance 850-2014 (Sewage Rates)**

Eric Walsh of Umbaugh, the city's accounting firm, gave a presentation and explanation of the sewer rates based on the Wastewater Phase II project, using SRF funding and supplement help from the TIF funding. A public hearing will be held on May 29, 2014 to answer the public's questions regarding the rates. Ordinance 850-2014 was then offered for the first reading.

***Motion to pass ordinance 850-2014 (Sewage Rates) on the first reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Pro Tech Metal CF-1**

Tax abatement compliance forms from Pro Tech Metal were available for approval – two personal property and two real property. Based on the information provided:

***Motion to approve the CF-1 (2 PP and 2 RP) for Pro Tech Metal: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Silgan Plastics CF-1**

Tax abatement compliance forms from Silgan Plastics were available for approval – one personal property. Based on the information provided:

***Motion to approve the personal property CF-1 for Silgan Plastics: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **SC Tower CF-1**

Tax abatement compliance forms for SC Tower (Supreme Corp.) were available for approval along with a written explanation of the shortfall in wages. Based on the information provided:

***Motion to approve the personal property CF-1 for SC Tower (Supreme): Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

- **WTL Properties CF1**

Henri Najdeski, Attorney for WTL Properties was available to offer explanation regarding the CF-1 form for real property which is leased to Tenneco. Based on the information provided:

***Motion to approve the real property CF-1 for WTL Properties: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell***

***Vote: All Ayes***

- **Appointment to Noble Co Visitor's Bureau**

The Mayor's current appointment, Carol Buhle resigned from the Noble Co Visitor's Bureau Board. Mayor Fisel then appointed Betty Peterson Dewey to fill the vacancy.

- **Update on FEMA Disaster Reimbursement**

A meeting was held with county administrators to reopen the FEMA disaster reimbursement for the winter snow storm. The city will be applying for the FEMA grant to reimburse 75% of overtime, equipment, and material costs used during a 72 hour period during the week of January 6-9, 2014.

**Claim Registers – APV #42272-42460**

***Motion to approve: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Mike Burdette, Street Superintendent**

- Jenny Thompson Foundation has pledged \$4000 towards new Christmas decorations in the downtown.
- Illegal dumping of construction material was discovered at the compost facility. The city has around \$2000 in dumpsters for the cleanup. Thanks to a citizen who spotted the truck dumping, we are pursuing reimbursement.
- A sink hole at Lake City Bank was discovered and fixed today. An asphalt patch will be done during the summer paving program.

**Rick Pharis, City Engineer**

- Erosion on State Road 5 near the Hen House and a man hold on State Road 5 near Ligonier Animal Clinic will be taken care of by API Construction
- Crack sealing will be done at the first part of June
- We will seek quotes for the paving program in early June
- The bid opening for the Wirk Garment building deconstruction will be June 11 at the BOW meeting
- The bid opening for the Wastewater Phase II project will be May 21 at a special BOW meeting

**Chris Fought, Council Member**

- Operation Foundation will take place June 18-21, 2014. The headquarters will be at Pettit Park Pavilion.

**Barb Hawn, Clerk-Treasurer**

- The April fund report and bank reconciliation report were provided to council members in the meeting packet

**Adjournment**

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

***Second: Ken Schuman***