

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2014 · Ligonier City Hall
301 S Cavin Street · Ligonier IN - 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

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

Minutes from previous meeting of May 12, 2014

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Seconded: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

▪ **Tenneco Automotive-CF-1/PP**

Tax abatement compliance forms from Tenneco Automotive were available for approval. Forms were not received in time to be approved and submitted to the county by the May 15, 2014 deadline. The abatement ended in 2013 for pay 2014 therefore they still need to provide the form. Kim Miller, Noble County Assessor advised Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn to send her a signed original if approved.

Motion to approve the CF-1/PP for Tenneco Automotive: Julia Bell

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

▪ **St. Joseph River Basin Commission-Request for Funds**

The St. Joseph River Basin Commission serves as an advocate for the overall quality of life of our river water resources. Many local cities support the River Basin Commission. This organization requested a contribution from the city and provided a 5 year contribution history for review.

Motion to contribute a \$100.00 in 2014 and revisit the contribution amount annually: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

▪ **2015 Employee Salaries**

Mayor Patty Fisel recommended that city department heads be put on salary at \$48,000.00 for 2015 (excluding Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer). Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn prepared a projected salaries report for review. Department heads would still earn longevity pay being based seniority.

Motion to approve an annual salary of \$48,000.00 for department heads (excluding Chief of Police/Public Safety Director): Julia Bell

Motion died for lack of second

Motion to table department salaries for further discussion: Kelly Ware

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: Ayes - Chris Fought, Kelly Ware, and Becky Gray

Nay - Julia Bell

Claim Registers – APV #42461- 42674

Motion to approve by: Kelly Ware

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Alan Duncan, Park Director

- Parks are in full swing including the ball diamonds and splash pad.
- Ash trees at the park were removed with the assistance of students from The Crossing as their community service project.
- Concrete was added around the splash pad and additional work will be done in the future.

Mike Burdette, Street Superintendent

- The new dump truck is at W.A. Jones for installation of the bed and snow plow.
- Commented that everyone should check out the splash pad at Kenney Park - they did a fabulous job on the concrete.

Bryan Shearer, Police Chief/Public Safety Director

- Thanks to Alan Duncan and his crew for mowing yards that are in code violation.
- Thanks to Mike Burdette along with street and water department personnel for help with removal of the concrete at the fire station.
- Budget time is here. There has been discussion of a 2% raise proposal by the Mayor. Bryan addressed Council member Kelly Ware on last year's discussion of part-time public safety employees pay rate being increased. He explained the breakdown pay and requirements for all part-time public safety employees to council and asked for their consideration of an additional pay increase.
- Bryan offered his support of the Mayor's recommendation that all department heads be put on salary.
- June 22, 2014 is the car cruise-in at Pettit Park. It begins at 9:30 am for about an hour.

Rick Pharis, City Engineer

- Wirk Garment and former Superior building demolition bids will be taken at the BOW meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.
- Paving program project quotes will be taken at the BOW meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014.
- Rick offered his support of the Mayor's recommendation that all department heads be put on salary.

Chris Fought, Council Member

- Commented about the fence around splash pad.
- Offered assistance from Operation Foundation for any part of the city that may need help with anything. They will not have the man lift this year.
- Chris invited the city department heads to the Operation Foundation meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

Julia Bell, Council Member

- Commented regarding the two new benches out front of City Hall and flowers look really nice.

Patty Fisel, Mayor

- The city was notified by IDEM of an air permit application for Tower Structural Laminating. Additional information regarding the application is available at the library.
- Triad sent request to IDEM to have Jim Soper from Triad approved to sign required paperwork for the WWTP in the absence of a WWTP Superintendent. IDEM approval was required because Soper does not hold the required certification (Class 3 Operator). Diana Smith is overseeing day to day operation at the WWTP.
- Will be interviewing for the WWTP Superintendent position soon
- Six bronze statues were donated to the city. Installation dates are not yet set.
- Flower bed in front of fire station isn't being done at this time due to complications with tree stump, sprinkler lines and gas lines.
- Very grateful for how well the department heads work together as a team.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell