

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 28, 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 members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman

Minutes from previous meeting of July 14, 2014

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business

▪ **Elkhart Township Fire Contract**

The current year contract price for service is set at \$3,418.55 of which one half is forwarded to Perry Township. Historically (over the past 5 years) the increase per year has been at 3.5% and a three year contract has been approved. A 3.5% increase results in the following costs

2015 \$3,538.20

2016 \$3,662.04

2017 \$3,790.21

Figures for a 2.5% and 1.5% increase were also presented. Discussion resulted in the following

Motion to increase the Elkhart Township Fire Contract prices by 3.5% annual for the next three years based on recent history: Chris Fought ***Second: Kelly Ware*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

The contract will be prepared and available for approval at the next meeting.

New Business

▪ **Approval of Perry Township Fire Contract for 2015**

Council approved a 1.5% increase in the Perry Township Fire Contract at its last meeting. The contract was available for approval.

Motion to approve the Perry Township Contract for 2015: Julia Bell

Second: Kelly Ware ***Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Ordinance 851-2014 (Amended Salary Ordinance for 2014)**

The 2014 salary ordinance was being amended to allow for the increase to the part-time police officer pay as approved at the last council meeting. Public Safety Director asked council to table ordinance passage in consideration of also increasing the pay of part-time fire fighters as he was able to discuss the matter with Fire Chief Weaver since his return from vacation.

The current rate for primary relief is \$12.25/hour and secondary relief is \$10.20/hour. Both Shearer and Weaver would like to see the rates increased to \$13.50/hour and \$12.00/hour respectively, effective with the beginning of the next payroll on August 3, 2014. Discussion led to the following:

Motion to approve the following per hour pay rates for part-time fire fighters - \$13.50 for primary relief and \$12.00 for secondary relief effective August 3, 2014: Kelly Ware

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

Motion to table the 2014 Salary Ordinance Amendment: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

▪ Dates for Budget Public Hearing and Budget Adoption

Clerk-Treasurer asked council to consider dates for the 2015 budget public hearing and budget adoption. It is critical that members be present at the budget adoption to pass the ordinance. After discussion, the public hearing was set to September 22, 2014 and the adoption to October 13, 2014.

Claim Registers – APV #42939-43036

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Peddlers in the Park will take place at Pettit Park on Saturday, August 9 from 8-2. Vendor booths are still available.
- Flag football sign up is from August 4-25 for ages 5-11 at a cost of \$25

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Niblock just completed the paving today
- The new dump truck is in. It is plated but stills need to be lettered with the city logo.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Comments regarding the streets on the east side of the city have been received. These streets will be addressed with the CSO project next year. We are moving closer towards the funding of this project.
- The staff is starting to work together well

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Demolition on the Wirk Garment building is set to start next week. A schedule has been received. We have not yet received the schedule for the former Superior building.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- With the upcoming demolition projects, we will need to work together with the inconveniences that may arise.
- The hole at the fire station will be taken care of in time for the Marshmallow Festival. A stump was removed for the eventual placement of bronze statues with a water feature.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought