

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 8, 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, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Kelly Ware

Minutes from previous meeting of August 25, 2014

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

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 853.2014 (Salary for 2015)

Ordinance 853-2014 was passed on the first reading at the meeting of August 25, 2014.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 853-2014 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 853-2014 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes*

New Business

Ordinance 854-2014 (Elected Officials Salary for 2015)

*Motion to pass Ordinance 854-2014 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 853-2014 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 853-2014 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes*

Ordinance 855-2014 (Appropriation of Reimbursed Funds)

As allowed by the DLGF, reimbursed funds may be appropriated without a public hearing. The city will be reimbursed by FEMA for expenses incurred during the winter storm in January of 2014.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 855-2014 on the first reading: Chris Fought
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 853-2014 on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 853-2014 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes*

Resolution 0908-2014 (Deferred Compensation)

Resolution 0908-2014 allows the city to offer One America as a vendor option for the deferred compensation plan.

Motion to pass Resolution 0908-2014 (Deferred Compensation): Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 856-2014 (SRF Bond)

A bond ordinance was originally passed on September 23, 2013. Certain language was changed by SRF and a revised bond ordinance was available for the first reading.

Motion to pass Ordinance 856-2014 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 43264-43368

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Thanks to the water and sewer department employees for their help with the festival clean up
- Thanks to the fire, water, and sewer department employees for their help with the tree that came down during the storm. Great teamwork.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- The festival was non-eventful for the police department. The weather cooperated. The festival as successful again this year.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Repairs were done at the lift station
- A pump at the Guardian lift station was pulled and will be repaired under warranty
- Year to date 32,000 feet of sewer pipe and 22,000 feet of storm pipe have been cleaned

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The garment building is down. A change order will be submitted due to unforeseen circumstances. A foundation not know to exist was discovered and needs to be removed. A quote was received from Beer and Slabaugh and we will be able to run the change through the grant. We are also considering a change order to reduce the amount of topsoil from 12" to 6". A historical marker will be placed at the site after completion.
- The ad for the sewer project bids will go out in the Advance-Leader on Thursday. A pre-bid meeting will be held on September 25. Bid opening will be October 9.

Council Member Chris Fought

- There is a dead tree at Gazebo Park. Chris asked that the city remove the tree with the next tree removal project.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Thanks to the city for taking the old Wirk Garment building down. The mill has also demolished an old building on their property.

Council Member Julia Bell

- The new fountain at the fire station is awesome. Mayor Fisel replied that the city is so fortunate to have a benefactor who provided the statues.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Citywide garage sales are this Friday and Saturday
- Citywide clean up is Saturday, September 20 at the Street Department.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Information was received from FEMA regarding flood map updating. Triad will draft an ordinance and send to City Attorney Steve Hagen for review before sending to council for approval.
- The RDC will be looking at a façade grant program to aid businesses with improvements. Examples from surrounding communities have been received and will be reviewed by RDC members to aid in creating a program for Ligonier.
- Thanks to everyone for their part in helping with the festival and the storm clean up. The teamwork is very evident and appreciated.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought