

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

Minutes from previous meeting of December 8, 2014

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

▪ **Ordinance 859-2014 (Building Numbering Ordinance)**

The ordinance passed on the first reading on December 8, 2014 and was up for second and third readings.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 859-2014 on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 859-2014 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

The ordinance will be advertised and enforceable thirty-days after publication.

New Business

▪ **Election of Council President**

***Motion to nominate Ken Schuman as Council President: Chris Fought
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Board Appointments – Council
RDC (2 members)**

***Motion to reappoint Chris Fought and Julia Bell to the Redevelopment Commission: Ken Schuman
Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes***

▪ **Board Appointments – Mayor
RDC (3 members)**

Mayor Fisel reappointed John Mangona, Bryan Shearer, and Patty Fisel to the Redevelopment Commission.

BZA (1 member) and Park Board (1 member)

The Mayor's appointments to the BZA and Park Board will be forthcoming as she awaits confirmation from the prospective appointments.

Claim Registers – APV # 44079-44341

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Meter change outs are minimal due to the weather
- Personnel have been busy helping with snow plowing

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Thanks to Water and WWTP personnel for their help with snow plowing
- Personnel will haul snow from downtown this week – Wednesday and Thursday if weather cooperates

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Working to get reporting completed
- Getting ready to work with the contractors on the WWTP project and separation project

Park Director Alan Duncan

- A 2014 Park Department report was provided to members and administration
- Getting ready for self-defense and judo classes at the rec center

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Contract signing for the WWTP project was completed with Docsa from Kalamazoo with a March 1, 2015 anticipated start date
- Contract signing for the WWTP separation was completed with API from LaOtto with an April 1, 2015 anticipated start date
- The city intends to apply for two grants and will use Region III-A. A CDGB grant for the water department project and a DR-2 grant for river wall restoration behind the downtown buildings.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks to those that plow and for the great job you do.
- Thanks to Alan for the Park Dept. report

Council Member Chris Fought

- Thanks for the great job plowing
- The plan commission will be revising the master comprehensive plan. A link to the current plan is on the city website (www.ligonier-in.org, Online Services, Documents and Forms, Miscellaneous). The commission encourages public input.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Thanks for the clearing the streets – it is really appreciated

Council Member Julia Bell

- Thanks for the great job plowing

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Thanks for keeping the streets cleared. We receive many comments from the public about the great job our plowing crew does.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The Mayor added her thanks to the plowing crew and praise for the team work and sharing of equipment and time between the departments
- Thanks to Ken Schuman for the lighted cross on top of the mill
- The Noble Co. Convention Bureau is holding planning meetings for the celebration of Indiana's bi-centennial in 2016. There will be a need for community involvement
- The legislature is in session and the Mayor encourage everyone to get to know their representative and senator and pay attention to the bills that affect cities and towns as they can have a negative impact. IACT (Indiana Association of Cities and Towns) of which we are a member keeps us apprised of the bills that affect us and lobbies on our behalf but public input is also helpful.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought