

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Water Grant

Kristine Christlieb of Region III-A was present to conduct a public hearing for the CDBG grant from HUD for the water department project. The maximum amount of the grant is \$550,000. The environmental review has been approved. The site visit went well. The project involves the water distribution system, SCADA, and reconditioning of the wells. Five comments from residents were received and three were read at the hearing. There were no additional citizen comments. Letters and comments from residents and business will be accepted until May 21, 2015.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 pm. Ms. Christlieb then asked council to approve Resolution 0511-2015 authorizing the application to OCRA for the grant.

Motion to approve Resolution 0511-2015: Ken Schuman ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

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 April 27, 2015

Motion to approve: Chris Fought ***Second: Becky Gray*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

New Business

Noble County Incumbent Worker Training

County representatives were not in attendance to address the incumbent working training program.

Motion to table to the next meeting: Ken Schuman ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

WTL Properties (Leasing to Tenneco) – CF-1 (RP)

Tax abatement compliance forms were received from WTL Properties for the real estate they lease to Tenneco.

Motion to approve the CF-1 for WTL Properties: Ken Schuman ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All ayes***

Supreme (SC Tower) – CF-1 (RP)

Tax abatement compliance forms were received from Supreme for their SC Tower real estate.

Motion to approve the CF-1 for Supreme: Ken Schuman ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All ayes***

Pro-Tech – CF-1 (2 PP, 2 RP)

Compliance forms were received from Pro-Tech for two real property tax abatements and two personal property tax abatements.

Motion to approve the CF-1s for Pro-Tech: Ken Schuman ***Second: Julia Bell*** ***Vote: All ayes***

Guardian/Carlex – CF-1

Due to the acquisition of Guardian by Carlex, forms were unavailable but should be by the next meeting. Calls were made to the county to ask that special consideration be made for approval past the May 15, 2015 deadline.

Motion to table to the next meeting: Chris Fought ***Second: Ken Schuman*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV # 45232-45436

Motion to approve: Chris Fought ***Second: Becky Gray*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The crack sealing program was completed
- The paving program will begin towards the end of May
- The state will be working on repairs on State Road 5 beginning tomorrow

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Would like to see the nuisance ordinance amended to include the ability to bill for clean up beyond just mowing on deserted properties. There was discussion regarding the ability to collect the funds. City Attorney Hagen will look into the matter.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Piping is going in on Lincolnway – it has been slow
- The Vactor crew is assisting API because of concern about back up in the manholes. Would like to see an ordinance authorizing the city to charge for the use of equipment in emergency situations. City Attorney Hagen will look into the matter.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Complaints about rust by businesses have been addressed. The department believes they have found the problem and will keep a close eye on the situation. People have been opening private hydrants and fire lines without first letting the department know. Requests have been made to avoid this in the future.
- Hydrant flushing will continue on Thursdays during warm weather months.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Quotes are being solicited for the steps on the north side of city hall as they are deteriorating.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Reminder that the next council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 rather than Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Media com has a new service and information was received. She has available for anyone interested.
- An inspection report was received from IDEM regarding the fire at the WWTP bio-towers. The report indicates that everything was done correctly and the facility is in compliance with the agreed order.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought