

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 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 KRDH Annexation

City attorney Hagen provided for the record, proof of publication of the public hearing as well as service of notice to the affected property owners.

As there were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:05.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Pizana Annexation

City Attorney Hagen provided for the record, proof of publication of the public hearing as well as service of notice to the affected property owners.

As there were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:07.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of May 11, 2015

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

▪ **Noble County Incumbent Workers Training**

Rick Sherck of the Noble County EDC was present to ask council to consider a \$5,000 per year for three years donation from the city's CEDIT funds for an incumbent workers program. Current the training is funded by grants, which may not continue. The city's donation along with funding from other Noble County entities would fund the program in the event grant funding ends. The Noble County EDC would hold the donations for use if necessary.

After lengthy discussion and questions, council was not comfortable providing the funds at this time and preferred that Sherck come back and request funding at the time of actual need.

Motion to table: Ken Schuman

Second Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

▪ **Ordinance 863-2015 (KRDH Annexation) and Ordinance 864-2015 (Pizana Annexation)**

The first reading of each ordinance was held on March 9, 2015. As the public hearing was held today, there is a 30 day waiting period to pass the ordinances. After discussion, it was suggested that second June council meeting be postponed one week, to June 29, 2015 to allow for the 30 day waiting period.

Motion to change the June 22, 2015 council meeting to June 29, 2015 at 7:00 pm: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

CF-1's

▪ **Carlex/Guardian and Tenneco Automotive**

The CF-1's (tax abatement compliance forms) for Carlex/Guardian (2 personal property and 2 real property) and for Tenneco Automotive (personal property) were received prior to May 15 (the county deadline) but after the previous council meeting. After consulting with City Attorney Hagen, the decision to approve the forms and forward to the county by the May 15 deadline was made. Council was asked to ratify the decision.

Motion to ratify the decision to approve the CF-1's for Carlex/Guardian and Tenneco as the employees and salaries far exceed the projections: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- There will be a road race Friday evening, May 29 at 7:30 – route is from Kenney Park to Main Street. Streets will not be closed but the runners will have police escort.
- Working with Daric Weimer to move the “Movie on Main” to Pettit Park for safety reasons.
- The fire department has the specs for the fire truck and is ready to take to bid.
- Code Enforcement Officer has sent 70 letters for trash/weeds/cars. No citations were issued to date. Thanks to Alan and his park crew for taking care of the abandoned properties.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Niblock will be in town next week to begin the paving program.
- Thanks to Don Skinner for cleaning the sewer lines prior to the paving program.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- API Construction plans to be at the intersection of Lincolnway and Cavin around the fourth of July.
- Construction work is beginning on Smith Street.
- A construction progress meeting was held on May 21.
- The pumps at the lift stations are being checked and there is one in need of rehabbing.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Niblock will be paving the drive to Kenny Park when they are in town for the paving program.
- There has been a delay on the fencing at the splash pad due to materials. The splash pad is due to open Memorial Weekend.
- Seven vacant lots will be mowed before the Memorial holiday.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Easements are in place for the API separation project.
- The Water PER was approved by SRF.
- Quotes for repair of steps and bricks at city hall have been solicited.
- The NE Indiana Partnership has a transportation grant available for long term road repairs. The intersection of US6/US33/SR5 is included in the project.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- A meeting with Tom Leedy of the Dekko Foundation was held. The Regional Cities for an 11 county area is applying for a quality of life grant. This can help with trails and river walk. Ligonier will be working with Mr. Leedy and submitting a project by June 1, 2015. Working to get the project together and a meeting with Jonathan Moen of Triad, Jason Becker and Matt Kreager of Countryscapes is set for Thursday afternoon.
- The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is accepting nominations for runners/torch carriers. Information is on the state website.
- Information for the Lincoln Highway/Byway National Scenic grant is available if anyone is interested.
- County Engineer Zach Smith notified us of a possible delay in the Pigeon Street bridge from 2017 to 2018. By willing accepting the delay, INDOT will cover 100% of the bridge and street resurfacing saving the county the 20% grant match. The city will be allowed to have input on the design of the bridge with historical design and lighting a possibility.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought