

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 29, 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**

**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 June 8, 2015**

***Motion to approve: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance 863-2015 (Krdh Annexation)**

The ordinance was approved on the first reading on March 9, 2015. The public hearing was held on May 26, 2015.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 863-2015 (Krdh Annexation) on the second reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Chris Fought***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 863-2015 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Chris Fought***

***Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance will be published in the next available Advance-Leader.

**Ordinance 864-2015 (Pizana Annexation)**

The ordinance was approved on the first reading on March 9, 2015. The public hearing was held on May 26, 2015.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 864-2015 (Pizana Annexation) on the second reading: Chris Fought***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 863-2015 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance will be published in the next available Advance-Leader.

**New Business**

**Republic Services Contract for 2016**

Jim Smith of Republic Services was present to discuss a possible date change for the spring clean up which is included in the Republic Services contract.

Currently the spring date is the third Saturday in April. Due to another clean up, not as many trucks are available for Ligonier. By moving the date to the third Saturday in May, this will not be the case.

After discussion it was determined that the contract should be amended to May 21, 2016 (the third Saturday).

For consistency, it was determined that the spring citywide garage sales should be moved to the second weekend in May rather than April as well.

**Margarita White – Marshmallow Festival**

Margarita White presented a request for an additional road closure during the Marshmallow Festival, requesting the ordinance be amended to include this portion of South Main. It was determined that a new ordinance including all closures for the weekend would be drafted and presented at a future meeting.

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Park Director Alan Duncan**

- The fence at the Splash Pad has been installed.
- The DNR is working on the boat launch on Pigeon Street. When completed, signage will be put up to make the public aware of the location.

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- Advertisement for bids for the fire truck was published. Bid opening will be August 10, 2015 at the 10:00 am RDC meeting.

**WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner**

- API will not be at the intersection of SR5 and Lincolnway by the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
- There is a taker for the dirt pile from the construction at the sewage plant.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

- Quotes were received for the repair of sidewalk brick work and steps at city hall. Quotes will be presented to the RDC requesting funding of the project.
- API has been staying in touch with the residents in the path of the construction on Lincolnway so they know who to contact if there is a problem.
- AEP is looking at purchasing the former bowling alley site for a sub-station.

**Council Member Chris Fought**

- The new streets and the flowers are very nice.

**Council Member Julia Bell**

- Julie asked the council to again consider PERF for the mayor's position. She asked CT Barb Hawn to gather information from local cities and cities of the approximate size of Ligonier. Angola, Decatur, Goshen, Kendallville, Warsaw, Know, Columbia City, Nappanee, Bluffton, Greendale, Mitchell, and Whiting all offer PERF to the position.
- Bryan Shearer asked to address council. He pointed out that all full time positions in the city are PERF covered. The elected Clerk-Treasurer is also covered. The mayor as CEO of the city is not. Emphasis was made to the fact that a CEO in any company would expect the same benefits as the employees. Further discussion led to the following.

***Motion to place PERF for the Mayor's position on the next council agenda: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Chris Fought***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- The fund reports and bank reconciliation reports were emailed to council members and acknowledgement of receipt was received.

**Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- The firm interested developing the former garment factory site sent a copy of architectural drawings of the apartment complex. The RDC is currently in the process of obtaining appraisals but can at their discretion sell the property for any amount. The property would need to be rezoned to R4 to allow the apartment complex.
- Two applications for the façade program have been received. Approval for a smaller project was made at the last RDC meeting. Another is in the approval process. This is a great tool to restore the downtown.

- The RDC bond was completed. This will extend the Warren TIF district life from 2025 to 2040. It allows for funding for the retaining wall in the river which is the priority project, joint purchase of a fire truck with Perry Township, and to the extent funding is still available, expansion of the Rec Center, walking path at Pettit Park, and expansion of the river walk.
- The Regional Cities initiative included Ligonier's Trail Project in their application. This would expand the river walk to Fashion Farm, through downtown, and to WN School campus. Announcements will be later this summer.

#### **Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Chris Fought***