

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 27, 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 July 13, 2015

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Randy Penwell, 704 South Main Street, Ligonier

Mr. Penwell returned to again address the chickens in the city stating at the previous meeting he was not prepared to do a presentation and was expecting a discussion and not a hasty decision. He provided an informational packet to each council member in hopes they would review the information and reconsider their decision and bring it back to a future meeting. His chickens have been relocated outside the city limits at the church property at this time.

Unfinished Business

2016 Perry Township Fire Contract

The 2016 Perry Township Fire Contract was available for approval with the suggested one percent increase making the total amount due for 2016 \$28,758.96.

Motion to approve the 2016 Perry Township Fire Contract at \$28,758.96: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 867-2015 (Festival)

Ordinance 867-2015 prohibiting certain activity during the Ligonier Labor Day Festival was available for passage.

Motion to pass ordinance 867-2015 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 867-2015 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass ordinance 867-2015 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Elected Salary Discussion

The IACT salary survey was distributed to council members prior to the meeting for review.

Motion to take the elected salaries for 2016 under advisement until the next meeting using a 3.5% increase as a guideline for budgeting purposes: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Budget Hearing and Adoption Dates

Possible dates for the budget public hearing and adoption were discussed. It was determined the public hearing would be held on September 14 with adoption on October 12.

Claim Registers – APV #45962-46031

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The DNR has completed the canoe launch at the Pigeon Street Bridge and will be putting signs up.
- Thanks to Mike Burdette and the street department crew for hauling pea gravel for the park department.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Operation Foundation begins this week. The department will be grinding stumps for the city as well as OF applications.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The smoking project will hopefully start this week. Information was sent to the newspapers and door hangers will be placed on residences in the areas of the testing. The purpose is to find where storm water might be going into the sanitary pipes to avoid treating storm water.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The meeting for the DR-2 Grant was delayed to August 26 at 1:30
- The RDC approved funding to repair the stars and brick at City Hall.

Council President Ken Schuman

- A George A Wyman sign was received and will be put up with the Lincoln Highway sign on Lincolnway West. In 1903, George Wyman became the first motorcyclist to make a transcontinental trip across America. He made a stopover in Ligonier at that time.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Indiana Michigan Power presented materials encouraging a changeover of our building lights to energy efficient lighting. The information will be shared with department heads at the next meeting on the second Tuesday of the month.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought