

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 14, 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, 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 August 24, 2015

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Sandy Shull, 310 Mercer Street, Ligonier

Concern was expressed because Halloween is on Saturday and Trick or Treat is set for Halloween. Asked council to consider changing Trick or Treat to the Thursday before because of lighter traffic than a weekend. Discussion continued with audience and administration members citing their preferences and concerns. The reason Trick or Treat was changed to be on Halloween was due to the number of people from other communities coming to Ligonier for Trick or Treat when their own community held Trick or Treat on a different night, making additional traffic and additional expense to residents providing treats to the children. In the end, council members stood by the decision to hold Trick or Treat on Halloween, but an earlier time for 2015 for daylight hours.

Motion to change the Trick or Treat time for 2015 to 4 pm to 6 pm: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Mrs. Shull thanked the council for their consideration and stated she felt the time change would be beneficial.

New Business

Ordinance 868-2015 (2016 Salary)

Ordinance 868-2015 sets the salaries of non-elected employees for 2016.

Motion to pass Ordinance 868-2015 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 868-2015 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 868-2015 on the third reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 869-2015 (2016 Elected Salary)

Ordinance 869-2015 sets the salaries of elected officials for 2016.

Motion to pass Ordinance 869-2015 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 869-2015 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 869-2015 on the third reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 870-2015 (Zoning Amendment – Downstairs Apartments)

Ordinance 870-2015 amends the zoning ordinance to allow for downstairs apartments in the downtown area provided they meet with certain specifications.

Motion to pass Ordinance 870-2015 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 870-2015 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 870-2015 on the third reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Umbaugh Accounting Services Agreement

Umbaugh, the city's financial advisors, provided an accounting services agreement for expenses to refinance the 2006B Sewage Bonds. They are currently looking into the savings that would make this feasible and will proceed accordingly.

Motion to approve the Umbaugh Accounting Services Agreement: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Purchasing Agreement

City Attorney Hagen would like to clean up language in the purchasing ordinance. A revision will be available at a later date.

Claim Registers – APV #46261-46444

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Thanks to everyone for their cooperation through all of the constructions and closings.
- Smith Street construction should be done by the end of the week.
- Construction behind the downtown buildings will begin soon.
- The project at the plant is moving along well.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Men's Circuit training will run from 9/30 to 11/7.
- Basketball registration begins 9/21 and starts on 10/31.
- Free blood pressure screenings by IU Health on Monday, 9/21 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Building Inspector Earle Franklin

- Two new homes are going in and almost complete.
- Met with a new business for a site review on Lincolnway South.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Per Kirk Braun of API, Lincolnway will be completed by Thanksgiving with the curbs, base, and binder. The final surface may be in spring.
- The businesses affected by the construction have been very cooperation. Thank you.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Council members acknowledged receipt of the fund and bank reconciliation reports for August 2015.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The Hagen Foundation donated \$10,000 toward a horse shelter for the Amish buggies. The engineer's estimate for the structure and infrastructure is \$69,149. We will need to find funding for the balance.

- The public hearing for the DR2 OCRA grant is next Monday at 7:00. This is for the retaining wall in the river behind the downtown businesses.
- The Herman and Kittle bid for the property at 200 Water Street was accepted by the RDC. They will move forward with their application for tax credits and will know by February 16 if they are approved. If so, the complex will be known as The Riverside Villa Apartments.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought