

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, November 9, 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 Additional Appropriations from GO Bond Proceeds

As there were no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed

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 October 26, 2015

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 873-2015 (Additional Appropriations for GO Bond Proceeds)

The ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading on October 12, 2015

Motion to pass ordinance 873-2015 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass ordinance 873-2015 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

PERF Enlargement

Council previously agreed to enlarge the PERF membership to include the Mayor's position. The resolution from PERF was received with four options. All options include a rate of 11.2% beginning January 1, 2016.

1. Grant 1 year past service at a cost of \$17,196
2. Grant 5 years past service at a cost of \$19,788
3. Grant all past service at a cost of \$31,660
4. Grant no past service

Members engaged in discussion and asked the Clerk-Treasurer if funds were available to pay for the past service. Monies are available in the Rainy Day and Riverboat Funds and could be used.

Motion to approve Resolution 1109-2015, enlarging the PERF membership to include the mayor's position, and pay the \$31,660, granting full past service to the current Mayor: Julia Bell Second: Ken Schuman

Roll Call Vote: Kelly Ware, Aye Chris Fought, Nay Ken Schuman, Aye
Julia Bell, Aye Becky Gray, Nay

Letter of Intent for Planning Grant

Permission to sign the letter of intent for the OCRA Planning Grant for the Comprehensive Plan update was asked.

Motion to allow the Mayor to sign the letter of intent for the planning grant: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Youth on Board

The Mayor would like to have an ordinance prepared allowing a youth from the community to serve as a youth on board member with the council. This would be a non-voting board member who is allowed to make comments regarding city business.

Motion to table for paperwork: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #46791-46870

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Breakfast with Santa at the Fire Station is set for Saturday, December 4. Pancake and Sausage breakfast from 7-11 with Santa arriving at 9.
- A preconstruction meeting with the fire truck manufacturer. They are anticipating completion soon than normal.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The Turkey Shoot (Free Throw Contest) will be held on November 21.
- Basketball for grades 3-5 just started. Grades K-2 will be in January.
- The water and restrooms in the parks have been shut off for the winter and lines were blown out.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Progress has been made on Lincolnway. The curbs were poured and the street was straightened out. Two blocks were narrowed to 25 feet. The binder layer will be done now with final surface in the spring.
- Leaf pick up is continuing.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Police Officers are allowed to participate in the “No Shave November” by raising at least \$100 in funds for the department’s Christmas family.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The divers were here to clean the retention tank. There was more sediment than normal.
- The department personnel are wrapping up outside projects for the winter.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- API is finishing the pipe installation in the area behind city hall.
- Docsa is busy getting ready for winter work at the plant project. They are close to pouring for the new clarifier.

Building Inspector Earle Franklin

- Interra (a credit union) broke ground for their new building.
- The façade facelift on the Wigent building is underway.
- Would like to see the ordinance for mobile homes changed to allow for move in of homes 10 years or newer instead of a manufacturing year.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Inquiry was made as to the last water main break. Water Superintendent Boyle said there was a minor main break due to construction about two weeks ago. Fought stated it is commendable that we have so few breaks in the city.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- City Offices will be closed the following days: Veteran’s Day 11/11/15 with the BOW meeting being moved to Tuesday 11/10/15 at 1:30; Thanksgiving Holiday 11/26/15 and 11/27/15

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The county is hosting a swearing in ceremony on December 31 at the court house in Albion. Ligonier has always had our own ceremony. If everyone is agreeable, we will hold the ceremony prior to the December 14, 2015 council meeting.
- Plans for 2016
 - Complete the CSO project in the spring and be up to date on the Long Term Control Plan.
 - DR2 Grant for the sea wall – the application is in process.
 - Re-apply for the water grant – correct the weak points in the application.
 - Development of the Garment Property – Herman and Kittle has applied for their tax credits and will know in February if they were successful.
 - Find funding for the Horse Shelter. The Hagen Foundation donated \$10,000 towards the project.
 - Regional Cities Trail Project – The CEO of the Regional Partnership feels our region has a good chance of being selected and funding will be available. Jason Becker and Matt Kreager attended a meeting regarding connection of the various regional trails.
 - Youth on Board
 - Possible Annexation – Dean Rogers from Umbaugh hosted a class at the conference and we will arrange a small group meeting with him to see what is feasible.
 - Update the Comprehensive Plan – proceed with application for the planning grant.
 - New City Signage for the “gateways” to the city – to replace the existing signs.
- I did not ask the council to fund the past membership in PERF – but thank you.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought