

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2016 · 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 December 14, 2015

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

New Business

Elect Council President for 2016

***Motion to nominate and elect Ken Schuman Council President: Chris Fought
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

2016 Mayoral Appointments

Several board appointments were up for 2016. Mayor Fisel appointed the following.

- RDC – Patty Fisel, Bryan Shearer, and John Mangona were reappointed to 1-year terms.
- BZA – Patricia Clark was appointed to a 4-year term.
- Plan Commission – Mike Shearer was reappointed to a 4-year term. There is still one opening that needs to be filled.
- Park Board – Daric Weimer

2016 Council Appointments

Council also had several board appointments up for 2016. The following were appointed.

- RDC – Chris Fought and Julia Bell are the current representatives and were again nominated for the 1-year term.
- ***Motion to reappoint Chris Fought and Julia Bell to the Redevelopment Commission: Ken Schuman
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes***
- BZA – Bryan Shearer is the current representative and was again nominated for the 4-year term.
***Motion to reappoint Bryan Shearer to the Board of Zoning Appeals: Julia Bell
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***
- Plan Commission – Chris Fought is the current representative and was again nominated for the 4-year term.
***Motion to reappoint Chris Fought to the Plan Commission: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

Schedule Date for Presentation by New Business

A new potential new business (a medical clinic) would like to do a presentation to the council at the February 8th meeting. Discussion led to the following.

***Motion to allow a 15 minute presentation by the medical clinic on February 8: Julia Bell
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

Schedule Date for Primary School Council Meeting

The West Noble Primary School would like to host a city council meeting this year and council was asked to suggest a date. Council asked that Brian Shepherd be contacted for additional details prior to making a decision on a meeting date.

Indiana Bi-Centennial “Block Party”

The Mayor attended a meeting regarding the “Block Party” celebration of the state’s bicentennial. It will be held in Albion as an event for the entire county to participate in. The date is June 25 from 10-3. They would like the city to participate with a booth. The Mayor asked for input from the council and community.

Claim Registers – APV #47213-47347

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The fire truck is in production and will hopefully be ready in March.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The annual report for the parks was distributed to council members
- The Winter Warm Up – Indoor Garage and Craft Sale will be February 20th at the Rec Center. Booths are \$25. Contact the Rec Center for additional information.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The micro surfacing seems to be doing a good job on the streets on the north side.
- The department is ready for the snow storm expected to hit tonight. The crew will be in around 4 am.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Docsa is making progress at the plant.
- A former storage tank was changed over to a digester.
- The sludge beds were cleaned out.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- End of year report:
 - 9 New Homes
 - 7 Variance Requests
 - 3 Street Cuts
 - 4 New Commercial Buildings or Additions
 - 127 Total Building Permits
 - Demolition of Bowling Alley

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- INDOT has been contacted regarding the drainage issue under the viaduct.
- Rick will be out 6-8 weeks for surgery. Jeremy Sponseller will be filling in.

Council Member Becky Gray

- Thanks to the Alan and the park department for the bag of goodies.

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- Thanks for everything. Good job to everyone.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought