

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 25, 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 Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman

Minutes from previous meeting of January 11, 2016

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Council Meeting at West Noble Primary School

Brian Shepherd, Principal of West Noble Primary, has requested the council hold at meeting at the school. They would like to do a presentation on their Kindness and Fitness programs, and let the children give members a tour of the school. Monday, March 14, 2016 is the suggested date. They are open to the program either before or after the regular meeting.

Motion to hold the March 14, 2016 council meeting at West Noble Primary at 7:00, WNP program to follow the regular business meeting: Chris Fought Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All

Claim Registers – APV # 47348-47522

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The department had their annual awards night on Saturday.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Thanks to the water department personnel for their help with snow plowing.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Updated the council on the project at the wastewater plant.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Inquired about the asphalt on Lincolnway. Mike Burdette responded that the surface will be prepped and cleared before the final layer is paved. Mike will also check into raising a manhole on Second Street west of Grand.

Council Member Becky Gray

- Inquired about a water issue that she was called about. The issue has been resolved.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Bank reconciliation and fund reports for December were included in the council member's meeting packet.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- An agreement with Umbaugh to do a 5-year financial plan for the entire city was included in council's packet for review. It would allow the city to have a tool for planning for capital expenditures. It would include all of the city's tax based funds. Eric Walsh would be willing to give a presentation at a future meeting, including an example of what they have provided for another municipality.

Motion to ask Eric Walsh to present the plan at the next council meeting, February 8th: Chris Fought

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

- Information from the National Wildlife Association regarding the declining population of the Monarch Butterfly was received. Removal of milk weed, the exclusive food source of the Monarch has caused a 90% decline in population. They are asking cities to remove any language in their weed ordinance that includes milk weed. City Attorney Hagen will check into this for us.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought