

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, May 23, 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 Kelly Ware
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Julia Bell

Minutes from previous meeting of May 9, 2016

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

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 880-2016 (Correction Section 30.31 of Codified Ordinances)

The ordinance passed on the first reading May 9, 2016 and was available for the second and third readings.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 880-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 880-2016 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 881-2016 (Amending Parking and Traffic Schedules)

The ordinance passed on the first reading May 9, 2016 and was available for the second and third readings.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 881-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 881-2016 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

The ordinance will be advertised in the Advance-Leader on June 2, 2016 and take effect 30 days after advertisement.

New Business

Perry Township Fire Contract for 2017

Barb Donley, Perry Township Trustee was present to discuss the fire contract for 2017. She thanked the City and the Redevelopment Commission for working together on the new fire truck purchase. The Mayor thanked Trustee Donley for the township partnership as well.

The 2016 fire contract is \$28,758.96 which was a one percent increase from 2015. Donley explained that the township is working on saving on the insurance premiums. They are also working with the city on the fire truck policies as well as the accident policies for further savings. The township's fire fund has not had to raise taxes in her tenure. She is asking for consideration on the contract renewal for 2017.

In the past it has been unclear exactly what is included in the fire contract. Clerk-Treasurer Hawn informed the board of the expenses paid to the volunteers by the city (\$34,000 aggregate in wages for runs, \$1,275 for clothing, and \$1,275 for vehicle expenses). She feels this should be included, even if not included in the past. Hawn will put together some rough figures of annual expenses to operate the fire station building and pass on to the council and township. Trustee Donley confirmed that the township does not pay the volunteers.

Motion to table the Perry Township Fire Contract for 2017 to the next meeting: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 882-2016 (Establishing Special LOIT Fund 257)

The State Board of Accounts directed municipal units to establish Fund 257 for the special LOIT distribution. Ordinance 882-2016 establishing the city ordinance was available for passage.

Motion to pass Ordinance 882-2016 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 881-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 881-2016 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Meeting Change from June 13 to June 6

Due to the necessity of the second public hearing prior to the application for the water grant, the council meeting of June 13, 2016 needs to be moved to June 6, 2016.

Motion to change the June 13, 2016 meeting to June 6, 2016: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #48399-48482

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Chief Weaver apologized for missing the last few meetings. He has been coaching middle school track and was attending away meets which conflicted with the meetings.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The park personnel have been busy mowing the properties in violation of the city's grass ordinance.
- The Splash Pad is set to open Memorial Day Weekend.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Jeff asked the council to write letters of support for the water grant and to encourage other residents to do so.
- The IURC report was eliminated but replaced with reporting to the Indiana Finance Authority. Busy working to complete the reports which are due at the end of the week.
- The city's trail project is still in the Road to 1,000,000 for the NE section. Will continue to attend meetings.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Don gave an update on the construction project. Anticipated completion is the end of June.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- The inspection of the new Chinese Buffet was completed with the Fire Marshall and the certificate of occupancy was issued. They are set to open May 31 in the new location.
- The certificate of occupancy for Interra will be issued. Grand opening is set for June 9.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Informed the council that due to the meeting date change she will not be at the June 6 meeting as she will be attending the annual ILMCT Conference and State Board of Accounts called meeting.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- There were some hiccups with the clean-up day on Saturday which will be addressed for the future. There will be a dumpster at the street department on Wednesday for those who were turned away due to the trucks being full.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought