

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 27, 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 – Public Hearing for Water Grant

Due to an error by the newspaper in publishing the advertisement for the water grant public hearing on June 6, 2016, the hearing was rescheduled.

Matt Brinkman from Region 3A conducted the hearing and provided the project information. The application was submitted to OCRA on June 10, 2016.

No comments had been received from citizens prior to the public hearing. There were no comments or questions regarding the project or grant.

Mayor Fisel closed the public hearing at approximately 7:15.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, and Kelly Ware

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Julia Bell

Minutes from previous meeting of June 6, 2016 and June 9, 2016

Motion to approve: Becky Gray

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Perry Township Fire Contract for 2017

Barb Donley was present. She is trying to arrange a meeting with her board and will get back to us as soon as possible.

New Business

Date for Comprehensive City Capital Plan Workshop

Three Saturday dates in August were available. After discussion the preference would be to hold the workshop on a weeknight evening. Barb will contact Eric Walsh of Umbaugh for possible dates.

Motion to table: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #48603-48780

Motion to approve: Kelly Ware

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Department personnel are busy trimming trees in the alleys and streets to avoid equipment and busses hitting the branches.
- Would like to see an ordinance designating the type of trees and where trees can be planted. When they are in the right of way, they cause problems for the utilities as well as the equipment when plowing snow. No decision was made at this time.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Congratulations to the city for being named the safest city in Indiana. Proud of the guys and staff. Thanks to the council and community for their support as well.
- Rob Wiley, Police Chief of Kendallville and Chief Shearer were invited to a 12 Century Police Procedures meeting at the White House and will be attending in July.

- The city's police dog, Zaden, was retired due to health issues. A new canine was acquired and is in training with Officer Josh Halsey. Sam is a Belgian Malinois.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Grant announcements are scheduled for July 21.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The wastewater project is going well and almost done.
- A final walk through was completed with API.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- The alleys look great.
- Congratulations to the police department on the safest city award. Thanks to Bryan for his leadership.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Asked about the striping on Martin Street from Union to College. Chief Shearer asked council to consider making both sides of the street no parking due to the difficulty in traffic moving through the area. City Attorney Hagen will draft an ordinance.

Council Member Becky Gray

- Congrats on the safest city award.
- Asked if there is anything that can be done about all of the cats running loose. Chief Shearer stated the Humane Shelter is full and not taking cats. He stressed to people to not feed them.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Asked the council members to confirm that the fund and bank reconciliation reports were received and was so acknowledged.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The BZA will be meeting on a variance for the apartment complex.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Becky Gray