

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 8, 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, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of July 25, 2016

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Sandy Shull, 310 Mercer Street

Mrs. Shull addressed an issue with pit bull dogs in her neighborhood and an attack they made on another dog. After a discussion of the vicious dog ordinance, council members asked City Attorney Steve Hagen to look at what might be done to strengthen the ordinance.

New Business

Recommendations for 2017 Pay Increase

Stating she was hoping to recommend a three percent wage increase, after meeting with the city's financial consultant it is just not feasible. She therefore recommended a two percent wage increase for 2017.

Motion to approve a two percent pay increase for 2017: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #49002-49078

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The Fire Department will be participating in Taste of Ligonier and will set up at Pettit Park.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The building committee for the Rec Center expansion will be meeting the fourth Monday of the month. They are looking at possibilities of establishing an endowment for the parks.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Pulver completed the micro-surfacing of several streets. By sealing the water out it should add 3-5 years life to existing streets.
- Curbs and crosswalks are being painted prior to the start of school on Friday.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- At the last Board of Works meeting, a resident unhappy with a mowing invoice appeared for discussion of the invoice and ordinance for high grass. The resident suggested the ordinance may not be fairly administered as he felt there were numerous properties not in compliance. Chief Shearer drove around the city with the resident. One property was identified, but the owner had already been contacted and clean up was in the process of being initiated. Chief Shearer updated the council at the request of the resident.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Verizon Wireless is in the process of installing their antennae on the south tower as per the lease agreement.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The construction crew is working on the stairway to the digester and is almost ready to wrap up the project.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Thank you to the department heads for their help with Operation Foundation. There were about 200 volunteers.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thank you to Operation Foundation for completing projects in the community.
- Taste of Ligonier will be Friday, August 12 from 4-9. A list of participants will be available
- Thanks to everyone for their sympathy and condolences on my mother's death.
- The city did not receive the water grant. We apparently had a high enough score but are waiting for explanation from OCRA. We will be reapplying for the grant with the public hearing next Monday.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought