

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 22, 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 August 8, 2016

Motion to approve: Julia Bell *Second: Ken Schuman* *Vote: All Ayes*

Minutes from previous meeting of August 15, 2016

Motion to approve: Julia Bell *Second: Ken Schuman* *Vote: All Ayes*

Unfinished Business

Comprehensive City Financial Plan

There was discussion of the plan proposed by Umbaugh. Clerk-Treasurer Hawn asked if the council desired to leave the capital plan as is for 2017 budgeting process as the advertisement needs to be prepared. The plan could still be modified at a later date.

Motion to use the proposed capital plan for 2017 budgeting purposes: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell *Vote: All ayes*

New Business

Noble County EDC – Request for Funding

The city has been contributing \$10,000 to help fund the Noble County Economic Development Corporation annually. A request for payment was received and \$10,000 is in the current CREDIT plan. Discussion as to continuing the funding at the same level for next year took place. Citing tight funds for next year, the following was made:

Motion to approve a \$5,000 contribution from CREDIT funds to Noble County EDC for 2017: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought *Vote: All Ayes*

Ordinance 886-2017 (2017 Salary)

The salary ordinance for appointed officers and city employees was presented; with the previously approved two percent increase over 2016 wages.

Motion to approve Ordinance 886-2016 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought *Vote: All Ayes*

Ordinance 887-2017 (2017 Elected Salary)

Elected officials proposed ordinance was presented; with a two percent increase over 2016 wages.

Motion to approve Ordinance 887-2016 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell *Vote: All Ayes*

Claim Registers – APV # 49079-49215

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman *Second: Chris Fought* *Vote: All Ayes*

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The department is busy preparing for the Marshmallow Festival.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The street department is also busy preparing for the Marshmallow Festival.
- Department personnel are also working on the edges of Gerber Street, preparing for winter.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Concerns about safety on Main Street for the festival were addressed. Would like to see barricades at Fourth and Main Streets. Bryan and Mike will look into the matter.
- The signs for no parking went up on South Martin and residents are complying.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Attended an Elkhart River Basin meeting. They are trying to find funding for quality and drainage.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The plant project is nearing the end and is dragging to complete.

Building Inspector Earle Franklin

- Building permits for the apartment complex were issued. There are still some questions regarding old asbestos. We sent the files we had from the cleanup of the property.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Inquired about the seeding of Pettit Park. API plans to reseed in the fall.
- Would like the street department to look into handicap parking on Cavin Street. Mike will contact INDOT as this is a state highway.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Council member acknowledged that the fund reports and bank reconciliations from July were received by email.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Lincolnway Highway is being promoted by Jeff Blair. INDOT has approved signage. The street department will be asked to assist with setting the signs. Thanks to Noble County Visitors Bureau for promotion of the Lincolnway Highway.

Citizen's Comments

Sandy Shull, 310 Mercer Street

- Mrs. Shull asked for an update on the vicious dog ordinance. City Attorney Hagen stated that our penalty is actually more severe and that most communities use the criminal statute. The problem is that witnesses need to file a report to police when the situation happens. With the witness, it is not possible to take action.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought