

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 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 2017 City Budget

As there were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Kelly Ware and Julia Bell

Mayor Patty Fisel and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Members Chris Fought and Becky Gray, City Attorney Steve Hagen

Minutes from previous meeting of August 22, 2016

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 886-2016 (2017 Salary)

Ordinance 886-2016 was passed on the first reading at the August 22, 2016 meeting and was available for second and third readings.

Motion to pass Ordinance 886-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 886-2016 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 887-2016 (2017 Elected Salary)

Ordinance 887-2016 was passed on the first reading at the August 22, 2016 meeting and was available for second and third readings.

Motion to pass Ordinance 887-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 887-2016 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Capital Plan Discussion

Clerk-Treasurer Hawn asked council to review the proposed 2016 capital plan for any modifications and adjustments.

Motion to table until the next meeting as only three members are present: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 49216-49405

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- A survey for the Parks and Rec was passed out Labor Day weekend and to the council and administration. A committee is putting a master plan together for grant applications.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Staff is getting equipment ready for fall and winter.
- Lincolnway Highway signs will be going up at the intersection of Cavin and Lincolnway west near Pettit Park.
- The citywide clean up is Saturday, September 17 from 8-1

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- The county council unofficially voted to pass the Public Safety LOIT. This will mean approximately \$200,000 to Ligonier for Police and Fire. If passed by October 31, 2016, we will start receiving funds in 2017. The funds will be used to maintain what we have, not to add anything additional.
- Thanks to Eagle Ready Mix for their donation of the concrete barriers for the Marshmallow Festival.
- Expressed concerns about the safety issues on SR 5 due to the fact that the striping on the new road has not yet been done.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Staff is busy installing new meters.
- The Flush Hydrants were ordered over a month ago and are still not in.
- Verizon is working at the tower. We are now receiving rent payments.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The last major step of the project is close, but waiting on parts.

Building/Zoning Administrator Earle Franklin

- Received a state release for Structural Composite's building project.
- Working through some issues with NIPSCO on an abandoned line requiring a reconnect fee.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- No quotes were received for the Amish horse shelter. We will formally set it for bid.
- The water grant is in process. Application deadline is in October with a December award.
- Three bids were received for the sea wall with the DR2 grant

JCI Bridge Group, Inc. – LaPorte, IN	298,209.00
Indiana Earth, Inc. - Osceola, IN	413,379.40
HIS Construction, Inc. – Indianapolis, IN	667,981.52

A tentative award is pending funds to JCI Bridge Group.
- We are looking at applying for an INDOT Crossroads Community Grant which uses the special LOIT distribution for a 50-50 road improvement grant. The next grant round is expected to be announced in January.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Was asked by a resident to check into the potholes on Seville.
- Congratulations to everyone on a job well done at the Marshmallow Festival.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Commented about how beautiful the flowers and the gardens are this year.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- When the downtown apartment ordinance was drafted and passed, the plan commission recommendation of the apartment being in the rear of the building was inadvertently omitted. We will have Steve draft an amended ordinance.
- Great job everyone at the Marshmallow Festival.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell