

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 26, 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 September 12, 2016

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

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Tony Fisher, 7784 West Circle Drive South, Ligonier

Mr. Fisher stated he has two properties in Ligonier and is interested in a 50-50 sidewalk replacement plan. He would like to see the city institute a program for 50-50 and possibly 100% for low income and elderly, possibly setting up a review committee.

Mayor Fisel thanked Mr. Fisher for his comments and input.

Unfinished Business

Capital Plan Discussion

The proposed capital plan for the remainder of 2016 had been tabled from the last meeting. Funding was proposed for some type of sidewalk plan so the discussion of a 50-50 plan continued. The city currently takes out existing sidewalks and the homeowner replaces the sidewalk. Members asked City Attorney Hagen to draft an ordinance for a program, similar to the façade program the Redevelopment Commission has in place.

There was a question regarding the need of \$10,000 for the park department in the capital plan for this year. Alan was not present to clarify.

***Motion to clarify the question and table the capital plan approval until next meeting: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

New Business

Perry Township Fire Contract 2017-2019

The contract was revised after meeting with the township board. The contract calls for a two percent increase in 2017, 2018, and 2019. The contract will be revisited at the end of the third year.

***Motion to approve the Perry Township Fire Contract for 2017-2019: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 888-2016 (2017 City Budget)

Ordinance 888-2016, the city's 2017 budget, was available for first reading.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 888-2016 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 889-2016 (Payment in Lieu of Taxes-Sewage)

Umbaugh, the city's accounting firm, calculated a payment in lieu of tax based on the value of the sewage works and advised that the utility would be able to afford \$75,000 for 2016 and \$100,000 2017 and beyond. Ordinance 889-2016 sets up the parameters for the PILOT for the Sewage Works.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 889-2016 on the first reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes***

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 889-2016 on the second reading: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 889-2016 on the third and final reading: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 890-2016 (Amending 870-2015-Downstairs Apartments)

When Ordinance 870-2015 was passed, language from the Plan Commission recommendation was inadvertently omitted. Ordinance 890-2016 amends the ordinance and adds the omitted language.

Motion to pass Ordinance 890-2016 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 890-2016 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 890-2016 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

GIS Request for Funding

Steve Hook of Noble County sent a letter requesting assistance with a project to capture quality level two LiDAR Data. They are asking that Ligonier contribute \$500.

Motion to approve the \$500 request: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 49406-49502

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Staff is preparing for fire prevention month and public safety day at Fashion Farm's Pumpkin Fantasyland on Saturday, October 15 from 11-2.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Staff is preparing the equipment for fall and winter.
- Leaf pick up will begin the second week of October. The South and West sides will be Monday and Tuesday. East side on Wednesday. North side on Thursday. Friday will be catching up day.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Will be attending the county council meeting on October 3 in support of the Public Safety LIT which will come up for a vote.
- Josh Halsey is attending training with Sam, the city's new K-9 officer on Mondays in Allen County.
- Thanks to Kenny and Jim for their assistance with a sewer issue at my home. They did a great job.
- Introduced Mac Davidson who was just sworn in as a reserve police officer.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Will be doing a water presentation at the next council meeting.
- Asked to keep Troy Arnold in prayers as his mother just passed away this morning.

Building/Zoning Administrator Earle Franklin

- Thanks to the council for taking care of the apartment ordinance.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The horse building was advertised for bids which are due on October 17.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Welcomed Mac to the police department.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Asked if anything can be done about the paper in the downtown building windows. City Attorney Hagen will check into it.
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Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Asked for and received confirmation from council members that the bank reconciliation and funds reports were received.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will be passing through Ligonier at intersection of US6/33 & SR5 on Thursday afternoon around 1:00 pm. Brian Shepherd and Elaine Moser of Ligonier will be torch bearers. Invited everyone to attend.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell