

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, October 10, 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

Matt Brinkman of Region 3a was present to give an overview of the project and take public comments. Several members of the audience spoke in favor of the grant citing water issues they have had in their homes. Letters from the public will be taken to be sent with the grant application. Mayor Fisel closed the public hearing.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Kelly Ware

Minutes from previous meeting of September 26, 2016

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

Resolution 1010B-2016 – Authorizing Grant Application and Committing Local Funds

Mayor Fisel added Resolution 1010B-2016 to the agenda. The resolution authorizes the city to proceed with the grant application and commits to local funds with an SRF loan.

Motion to approve Resolution 1010B-2016: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Earle Franklin on behalf of the Ligonier Plan Commission

Mr. Franklin provided a certificate from the Plan Commission regarding a zoning request for 4 ½ acres in a conservancy to be rezoned to R2 for a home. The Plan Commission made an unfavorable recommendation.

Bobbi Reyes translating for Miguel Flores

Mr. Flores is concerned that changing this zoning will affect his property on which he has livestock, believing that it would cause annexation into the city. City Attorney Hagen spoke to the matter explaining that Mr. Flores' property would not be subject to annexation whether the zoning change was made or not.

Motion to take the rezoning recommendation under advisement: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Capital Plan Discussion

Verification that the park department did not need the \$10,000 additional for 2016 was confirmed by Park Director Alan Duncan.

Motion to approve the amended 2016 Capital Plan (removing \$10,000 additional Park): Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 888-2016 (2017 City Budget)

Ordinance 888-2016 was passed on the first reading on September 26, 2016.

Motion to pass Ordinance 888-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

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

New Business

Tax Abatement – Brookside Furniture

Form SB-1/PP for Brookside Furniture (tax abatement) was received. The company is currently located in Millersburg, Indiana and is relocating to Ligonier. They are asking for equipment abatement. There was no representative from the company present to answer the findings of fact.

Motion to take the matter under advisement: Christ Fought
Second: Ken Schuman ***Vote: All Ayes***

Resolution 1010-2016 – Amending Declaratory Resolution

The resolution approves the action of the Plan Commission, which finds that an area confirms to the comprehensive plan, and would allow the Redevelopment Commission to acquire property benefitting the area, being property on West Third Street to increase the size of the city parking lot.

Motion to approve Resolution 1010-2016: Julia Bell ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 891-2016 (50-50 Sidewalk Program)

The ordinance gives specifics of a 50-50 sidewalk program with residents. They would pay their 50% to the contractor and the city will pay the 50% balance for the sidewalk construction. Discussion concerning the mix of the concrete for the sidewalks took place. With confirmation that the city specifications would be followed, the following was offered.

Motion to pass Ordinance 891-2016 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell ***Vote: All Ayes***

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 891-2016 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell ***Vote: All Ayes***

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 891-1026 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell ***Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV # 49503-49535

Motion to approve: Chris Fought ***Second: Becky Gray*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Provided a copy of the parks survey results. The department received 242 total surveys.
- The Rec Center will host a Flu Shot Clinic on November 3 from 8:30 to 11:00

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Public safety day at Fashion Farm is this Saturday, October 15 from 11-3.
- Will be attending the International Chief's Conference in San Diego Friday through Tuesday.
- The home at 1109 West Third Street which was destroyed by fire will be coming down starting tomorrow.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Added two additional water hook-up for houses in Park Meadow.
- Thanks to Police Department for their assistance in patrolling the areas when the department personnel do water disconnects.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Looking for farmers who use cultivation for spring land application.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Thanks to police department for assistance in vacating residents from property condemned due to meth. The people were still accessing the home even though they had previously been vacated.
- In need of building property in the city. Most of the building sites are already full.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The city hall and utility office will be closed Wednesday October 12 and Tuesday October 13 when staff attends classes and state board meeting.
- The Board of Works meeting on October 12 will still be held at 1:30.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thanked the council for allowing funding in the budget to be able to attend the IACT Conference. The classes were very meaningful. It's good to share the challenges and difficulties with peers. Issues are similar even though there may be a size difference in communities.
- Connersville will be bringing a group to Ligonier to visit.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought