

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017 · 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, and Kelly Ware
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Julia Bell

Minutes from previous meeting of December 12, 2016

Motion to approve: Becky Gray

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Ricardo Benavides, 509 Grand Street

Mr. Benavides is experiencing a dog problem with the residence next door to him, 511 Grand Street, which is a rental. The current occupants have many dogs, 7-8 outside plus additional dogs inside, which bark constantly. In addition to the barking, the occupants do not clean up after the dogs, leaving a foul smell from dog feces. The police department has been called on numerous occasions. The occupants have been issued several citations. The health department has also been called in.

City Attorney Hagen and Police Chief Shearer both addressed the issue. They will look into the issue for a solution. A kennel ordinance was mentioned as prevention of future problems of this nature.

New Business

Council President for 2017

Motion to elect Ken Schuman as President Pro Tempore of Council for 2017: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Council – Appointments for 2017

Two members for the Redevelopment Commission were up for appointment.

Motion to reappoint Chris Fought and Julia Bell to the Redevelopment Commission: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

One member for the Economic Development Commission was up for appointment.

Motion to reappoint Bryan Shearer to the Economic Development Commission: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

One member for the Board of Zoning Appeals was up for appointment.

Motion to reappoint Bryan Shearer to the Board of Zoning Appeals: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor – Appointments for 2017

One member of the Park Board was up for appointment. Mayor Fisel reappointed Brian Hite to the board.

Three member of the Redevelopment Commission were up for appointment. Mayor Fisel reappointed Bryan Shearer, John Mangona, and herself to the commission.

One member of the Board of Zoning Appeals was up for appointment. Mayor Fisel reappointed Michael Shearer to the board.

Three members of the Plan Commission were up for appointment. Mayor Fisel reappointed Michael Shearer (R) and Dennis Butler (D) to the commission. A third person is still needed and she asked the administration if they would suggest someone to fill the vacancy. The person must reside within the city limits and must be either a Republican or Independent.

Claim Registers – APV # 50148-50293

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The indoor garage sale at the Rec Center is February 18 from 8-2.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Department is prepared for the freezing rain we are expecting tonight.
- Residents interested in the 50-50 sidewalk program should contact the city to be placed on the list for 2016. Applications will be available soon. The program will be sent to bid soon.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The walk through on the project completion was done. There are a few minor things that need to be done when the weather improves.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- O'Reilly Auto Parts is interested in the former Bowling Alley property on US 6 and Martin Street.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thank you to the Benavides family for coming in and bringing the dog problem to the attention of the council.

Council Member Becky Gray

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Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The Public Safety LIT (Local Income Tax) goes into effect this year and will be a good benefit for the city.
- Lots of project to keep up with this year.
- Happy New Year

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought