

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, February 13, 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 Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman

Minutes from previous meeting of January 23, 2017

Motion to approve: Julia Bell **Second: Becky Gray** **Vote: All Ayes**

Unfinished Business

MLK Day Discussion

Discussion as to the addition of Martin Luther King Day as a city holiday continued. A survey of other cities was presented to members in which a response of over 60 communities do observe the holiday. Government offices and banks are closed. Concern was expressed in adding another holiday as we currently observe 11 paid holidays. It was suggested an existing holiday be removed and MLK Day added, which led to the recommendation that Election Day be eliminated and replaced with MLK Day.

New Business

Ordinance 899-2017 (Policy Manual Update)

Ordinance 899-2017 is to adopt the amended city policy manual, effective February 1, 2017.

CCD Fund – Re-establishment

Eric Walsh of Umbaugh was present to address the issue of re-establishing the city's Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund. The capped rate is five cents. As assessed value grows, the rate comes down. The city's rate is currently at two and one half cents. Re-establishing to the five-cent rate will generate approximately \$35,000 in revenue. There is a specific process to follow which includes passage of an ordinance along with public hearings.

Ordinance 900-2017 (CCD Fund)

Ordinance 900-2017 will establish the CCD (Cumulative Capital Development) Fund at five cents.

Stipend for Building Inspector Mileage

The building inspector currently uses his own vehicle for inspections and attending county meetings. Keeping a journal of mileage for the trips has become very time consuming due to the number of trips on certain days. It was suggested that a stipend of \$50 be paid monthly removing the requirement to turn in a mileage chart.

Motion to approve a \$50.00 per month stipend for mileage to the building inspector retroactive to January 1, 2017: Julia Bell ***Second: Chris Fought*** ***Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV # 50459-50650

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- With the mild weather, staff has been out sweeping the streets.
- Working on the paving program for 2017.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Working on getting the project ready to bid in April.
- Working on the trails project.

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- Staff is working on equipment repairs.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Working on a variance to separate lots on Jay Street for a March 7 BZA meeting.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks to the library for the weekend program.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- West Noble Primary would again like to host a council meeting. They would like council to suggest dates that might work. Suggested dates were: March 27, April 10, and April 24. The dates will be proposed to Brian Shepherd.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- We will be presenting the trails project to the RDA tomorrow at Sylvan Cellars. The meeting starts at 2:00 pm. We will be requesting \$254,00. If we are approved, the Noble County EDC has committed \$300,000 over three years to the project. We need community support. If you can attend, please be there.
- The State of The City will be Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. The trails presentation will be included.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought ***Second: Kelly Ware***