

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, May 8, 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, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Becky Gray

Minutes from previous meeting of April 24, 2017

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 901-2017 – Water Bond

Ordinance 901-2017, along with the SRF financial agreement, passed on the first reading on April 24, 2017 and was up for second and third reading.

Motion to pass Ordinance 901-2017 and SRF Financial Agreement on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 901-2017 and SRF Financial Agreement on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 902-2017 – Revised Sidewalk Ordinance

Ordinance 902-2017 revises Ordinance 891-2016, making the city responsible to pay the additional fees to bring the sidewalk to ADA regulations.

Motion to pass Ordinance 902-2017 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules pass Ordinance 902-2017 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules pass Ordinance 902-2017 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

CF-1 Approvals

Council President Ken Schuman commented that all 6 CF-1 forms for the 4 companies showed that the companies met or exceeded expectations. The companies submitting forms were: WTL Properties, Tenneco Automotive, Pro Tech, and Jeld Wen.

Motion to approve all six CF-1 forms for the four companies: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 51151-51251

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Has been approached regarding the rules for golf carts in the city. We currently do not have an ordinance. Would like permission to work with Steve Clouse to create a golf cart ordinance.

Motion to create a golf cart ordinance for the city: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

- Recapped the police summit he attended with Kendallville Chief Wiley. Spoke about accreditations for the police department that he would like to pursue. He will bring costing back to the council at a future meeting.
- SRO Jason Shearer was nominated by Brian Shepherd of West Noble Primary as Hometown Hero on Fort Wayne channel 55. The clip was shown to council.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Several 50-50 sidewalk projects are ready to begin the first week of June.
- Citywide cleanup is set for Saturday, May 20
- Garage Sales are this weekend, May 12-13

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Half of the parking lot by the Splash Pad at Kenny Park was paved. The other half will be paved next year.
- Working on roof repairs at the Rec Center.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- The Plan Commission is busy working on several land spits that will create additional building lots in the city.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Working with the contractor on the wall project and hope to resume soon.
- Working with the contractor on the Amish horse barn. They would like the water line to be installed prior to beginning the project

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Congratulations to SRO Jason Shearer. Congratulations to Judge Steve Hagen.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Congratulations to SRO Jason Shearer. Congratulations to Judge Steve Hagen.
- Inquired about the downtown light pole replacement status. Chief Shearer reported that the incorrect color poles were ordered and new poles had to be ordered again.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Congratulations to SRO Jason Shearer. Congratulations to Judge Steve Hagen.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Congratulated Judge Steve Hagen and jokingly proclaimed her innocence.

City Attorney Steve Hagen

- Stated it has been an honor and privilege to work on the local level and he will deeply miss it. He is excited to see the growth of the community and the upcoming projects. The city is in good hands with a qualified successor.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Congratulated Judge Hagen stating she was happy for him, but sad for the city. He will be greatly missed.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Congratulated Steve Hagen for his new position as Noble County Judge. Thanked him for his years of service to the City of Ligonier, noting that not only had he been the city attorney, but was mayor from 1980-1983. Presented Steve with a plaque from the city and a reception following the meeting.
- Welcomed Steve Clouse as the new City Attorney.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman