

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 26, 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 – Public Hearing for ERA (Economic Revitalization Area)

City Attorney Steve Clouse asked if there was anyone present to speak regarding the ERA noting that proof of publication on June 15, 2017 was received by the Advance Leader.

As there were no public comments, the hearing was closed at 7:08.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Chris Fought, and Julia Bell

Arriving Late: Council Member Becky Gray

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Kelly Ware

Minutes from previous meeting of June 12, 2017

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

ERA – Resolution 0626A-2017

As per the parcel description provided, Resolution 0626A-2017 establishes an ERA in order to allow tax abatement on the property.

Motion to pass Resolution 0626A-2017 establishing an ERA: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Notice for remonstrance will be sent to overlapping taxing units and taken at the July 10, 2017 meeting. Resolution 0626A-2017 will be published in the next available Advance Leader edition.

Blackpoint Tax Abatement – Resolution 0626-2017

Blackpoint Properties has applied for tax abatement. City Attorney Clouse went over the findings of fact. Resolution 0626-2017 allows for tax abatement. Form SB-1 for tax abatement was also submitted.

Motion to approve Findings of Fact, Resolution 0626-2017, and SB-1 for Blackpoint Properties: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Golf Cart Ordinance 903-2017

Minor revisions to the golf cart ordinance were made and it was available for approval.

Motion to pass Ordinance 903-2017 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 903-2017 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 903-2017 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman ***Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance will be advertised in the next available Advance Leader edition. Any fines will be applicable 30 days after publications.

Elkhart Township Fire Contract

Discussion of the Elkhart Township fire contract took place. The previous contract allowed for a 2.5% annual increase. It was suggested that the same be used for the new three year contract.

Motion to increase the Elkhart Township Fire Contract 2.5% per year for the 2018-2020 contract and have contract available for approval at the next meeting: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell ***Vote: All Ayes***

New Business

Umbaugh – Water Rate Discussion

Ross Hagen of Umbaugh presented a preliminary suggestion for water rate increase for upcoming water project. Rates are based on engineer's estimates as the bids will not be received until July 13, 2017. Modifications will be made prior to the rate introduction at the July 24, 2017 meeting. The average bill based on 4000 gallons would see an approximate \$7 per month increase.

Claim Registers – APV # 51520-51624

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The sidewalk program is going well. The contractor is doing a great job.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The advertisement for the water project was sent to the paper. Working with Triad on the final plans.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- JCI Bridge is working on the river wall project and near completion.
- Quotes on Silgan's Pettit Street will be solicited for acceptance by the Redevelopment Commission.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Inquired about the downtown light poles. Bryan Shearer has been working with AEP. The poles were received and installation was to occur last week only to find that the incorrect size poles were ordered and were 10 feet short. The city did not accept and poles will again be reordered.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thanks to Steve Wygant of Blackpoint Properties and his family for coming to the meeting.
- Thanks to the department heads for all they do.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman ***Second: Chris Fought***