

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 10, 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, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of June 26, 2017

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Resolution 0710A-2017 (Amending 0626A-2017) ERA

Due to a scrivener's error, City Attorney Clouse recommended passing Resolution 0710A-2017 amending the error in Resolution 0626A-2017.

Motion to pass Resolution 0710A-2017: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Notice was sent to overlapping taxing units asking for remonstrances regarding Resolution 0626A-2017. City Attorney Clouse asked if anyone was present to speak against the resolution. There were no remonstrances received, nor was anyone present to speak.

Elkhart Township Fire Contract 2018-2020

The Elkhart Township Fire Contract was available for approval. Each year was increased by 2.5% as previously approved by council.

***Motion to approve the 2018-2020 Elkhart Township Fire Contract: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

New Business

Resolution 0710-2017 – Confirming ERA Resolution

Resolution 0710-2017 is the confirming resolution for the ERA as established in Resolution 0710A-2017.

***Motion to approve Resolution 0710-2017 confirming the establishment of the ERA: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV #51625-51663

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Chief Shearer and Chief Weaver met with Mitch Ripley of HR Unlimited on the fire department SOP's.
- Working with Region 3a for a DNR Historical Building grant for windows at the Fire Department.
- Ligonier was once again awarded the Safest City in Indiana by Safewise for 2017. Shearer commended the city for allowing the department to be well equipped with competitive pay. He commended his staff noting he is proud of them. He also commended the residents for their part. Mayor Fisel commended Shearer for his leadership.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The sidewalk program is doing well. There are two additional sidewalks to be completed this week. The contractor will then return in August for round two.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The bid opening for the water project was pushed back until July 27.
- The IDEM visit went well. We will be installing a panic bar on the chlorine door.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Finishing up with the youth baseball.
- Information on the youth football and basketball will be going out soon.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Water project bids were originally to be opened July 13 but were postponed to July 27 after the preconstruction meeting brought questions that needed to be addressed.
- The city will be applying for a 75-25 Community Crossing Grant through INDOT.
- Pettit Street and the parking lot quotes were solicited. We will delay the RDC meeting to July 19 and open then.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Operation Foundation is July 26 thru July 29. Applications for volunteers and projects are available at City Hall. Children volunteers under 13 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Asked about the retaining wall behind the buildings on Cavin Street. The wall is completed and the alley still needs to be paved.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Inquired about the Amish horse parking. City Engineer Pharis will call Beer and Slabaugh to confirm. Originally delays were due to water line installation.
- Due to the delay in the water bids, we will need to announce inflated water rates based on engineer's estimates but they can be lowered when adopted. Introduction will be at the next meeting. The water project will make a difference in the city's water quality and is necessary.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman