

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 24, 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, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Becky Gray

Minutes from previous meeting of July 10, 2017

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Water Rate Ordinance Introduction – Ordinance 905-2017

Eric Walsh of Umbaugh was present to discuss the water rate ordinance. Because the project bids were delayed, the rates are being introduced at 15% higher than previously discussed and higher than what we anticipate actual rates will be. Rates can be lower than introduced, but cannot be higher. Bids are due July 27, 2017. The rates will be recalculated with the bid results and advertised for the public hearing on August 14, 2017, then adopted following the public hearing. After discussion, the following was offered.

Motion to pass Water Rate Ordinance 905-2017 on the first reading: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Section 125 Plan for 8-1-17 to 7-31-17

The city's Section 125 Plan was reviewed and revised for amendments to the previous plan. This plan is effective 8/1/17 through 7/31/17. City Attorney Clouse reviewed and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the Section 125 Plan for 8-1-17 to 7-31-17: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #51664-51836

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Chief Shearer distributed copies of his 2018 budget to council members for their review. As per the comprehensive plan, the budget has a 2% increase over 2017.
- Good news from the county regarding the Spillman database contract. The original estimate of the city's portion of the contract was \$100,000. The revised quote brings the city's portion to \$55,621 which includes the conversion of 12 years of data and one year of maintenance. A payment agreement will be sent to our city attorney by the county attorney for review prior to presenting for approval.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Round One of the 50-50 program has been completed. We are accepting applications for round two. Young Services of Middlebury has done a wonderful job. Would like to extend the contract. City Attorney Clouse will review the matter.
- We are grinding stumps this week – for the trees the city took down and will also work with Operation Foundation.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- The walk through for the plant project is Thursday with Jonathan Moen of Triad and the contractor.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Looking forward to the project. The controls are in dire need of updating.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The alley between the Cavin Street buildings and the river will be paved this week. Phend and Brown is the subcontractor for JCI Bridge.
- The Amish Horse parking project has begun.
- The city applied for a Community Crossings grant with INDOT which is a 75/25 (INDOT/City) grant for paving streets. The grants should be awarded next month.
- The Pettit Street and city parking lot projects were awarded to Niblock by the RDC.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Operation Foundation is this week, July 26-29. A city department head meeting will be held at the OF headquarters (Strong Tower Worship Center building – former Elks) at 6:00 pm Tuesday.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Wish Chris and the Operation Foundation group a good, safe week.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The bank reconciliations and fund reports were prepared. Will email them to council members tomorrow.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- A letter from the Noble County EDC thanking the city for the \$5,000 contribution was received. They appreciate the funding and would like council to consider additional funding next year.
- A lot of projects going on in the city. Appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell