

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, August 14, 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 on Water Rates**

There were no comments by the public and the hearing was closed.

**Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting**

**Roll Call**

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

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

Absent: Council Member Becky Gray

**Minutes from previous meeting of July 24, 2017**

***Motion to approve: Chris Fought***

***Second: Kelly Ware***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Citizens Comments**

***Name & Address: Joshua Snyder, 613 Park Meadow Drive***

Expressed concerns regarding the 30-mph speed limit on Park Meadow Drive. Many small children in the neighborhood and 30 mph is too high. Would like to see speed reduced and possible speed bumps added.

***Name & Address: Elena Snyder, 613 Park Meadow Drive***

Also expressed concerns regarding the speed limit. Can't let children ride bikes and play outside for fear of them being hit. Would like to see the speed lowered.

***Name & Address: Marisol Lopez, 611 Park Meadow Drive***

Has four young children. Too scary to let the kids play outside. People are speeding.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer commented that he supports lowering the speed limit. Generally, 30 mph is the urban speed limit through neighborhoods but this neighborhood has really grown in recent years. He recommends lowering the speed limit to 20 mph on Carol Drive and Park Meadow Drive.

***Motion to have City Attorney Clouse draft an ordinance changing the speed limit to 20 mph on the affected neighborhood streets: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Chris Fought***

***Vote: All Ayes***

Mayor Fisel thanks those in attendance for coming and bringing the issue before the council.

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance 905-2017 (Water Rates)**

The water rate ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at the last meeting prior to the bid opening. Ross Hagen of Umbaugh was present to answer questions and explain that since the bids came in lower, we could reduce the rates introduced at the first reading. The average bill will increase \$7.49 over current rates.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 905-2017 on the second reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 905-2017 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell***

***Vote: All Ayes***

## New Business

## Plan Commission Zoning Change Recommendation

Forest River petitioned the Plan Commission to change the zoning at 710 Gerber Street to allow outside storage (I2 to I3) as they will produce small travel trailers at the plant. The Plan Commission issued a favorable recommendation to the council.

Mike Stump, representing Forest River was in attendance. Forest River is a major RV manufacturer and is pleased with the enthusiasm he has received by the city. They plan to produce an entry level RV (18-32 feet), 30 units per day. They will host a job fair with a date to be determined. Production is about 60 days out as they prepare the building for production.

## Ordinance 906-2017 (Zoning Change at 710 Gerber Street)

The ordinance to allow the zoning change from I2 to I3 was introduced. Council Member Kelly Ware is currently an employee of Forest River in Topeka. She abstained from voting.

*Motion to suspend the rules: Chris Fought      Second: Ken Schuman      Vote: All Ayes*  
*Motion to pass Ordinance 906-2017 on the second reading: Chris Fought      Second: Ken Schuman*  
*Roll Call Vote: Chris Fought – Aye, Julia Bell – Aye, Ken Schuman – Aye, Kelly Ware – Abstain*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 906-2017 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought      Second: Ken Schuman  
Roll Call Vote: Chris Fought – Aye, Julia Bell – Aye, Ken Schuman – Aye, Kelly Ware - Abstain*

# Paint Stripper

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette informed council that the street striper has been incurring costly maintenance repairs because of age. He asked if they would allow him to use funds from the sidewalk program which were not used for this year's program. He estimated the cost to be between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

## Annexation

Council was informed of a super voluntary annexation which includes 126 acres south of the city owned by John Cousens, a small strip behind the Parkview Physician's office, and a small strip owned by the city. A super voluntary annexation is one that all parties come to the city willingly. Petitions for annexation will be received at the next council meeting on August 28, 2017.

Claim Registers – APV #51937-51984

**Motion to approve: Ken Schuman**      **Second: Chris Fought**      **Vote: All Ayes**

## Comments by Members of Council and Administration

## **Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- The fire department will participate in the MDA Fill the Boot on August 19 at the intersection of US 6/33 & SR 5.

## **Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Staff has been busy trying to paint lines and curbs.

## **Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- One of the things we are using the drone for is pictures and video of city projects. A video clip of the completed river wall project was shown.

**Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- Thanks for working with us on the water project.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- Had the final walk through on the plant project. A few small things on the punch list need to be addressed. The alarms are in and are being tested.
- Received four applications for the open position and will start the process for hiring.

**Building Administrator Earle Franklin**

- A lower level apartment at 202 Cavin Street is being taken care of. The people are moving out and the owner is planning to add to the building to put a legal apartment in. The owners have been very cooperative.
- A walk through was done at the Forest River building at 710 Gerber Street and permits were issued.
- Will have meeting at the Riverside Apartments this week.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

- The river wall and alley project is complete.
- The Amish buggy lot is getting close to finish.
- The city parking lot project behind city hall is progressing.
- The base layer has been paved on Pettit Street.

**Council Member Julia Bell**

- Thanks to residents for coming and bringing their issues before the council.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Fund and Bank Reconciliation reports were included in the council packet. Members acknowledged receipt.
- Public hearing for the city budget will be scheduled for Monday, September 25 with budget adoption on Monday, October 9. Mayor Fisel comment as the importance of having a quorum for the budget adoption.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*