

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 28, 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 August 14, 2017

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Landowners Petition for Annexation

A petition for annexation into the City of Ligonier was received from: John Cousens, City of Ligonier, and Community Hospital of Noble County. The city is requesting a small parcel near the booster station be annexed. Community Hospital is requesting a parcel behind the doctor's office be annexed. The annexation is a super voluntary annexation as all parties have signed the petition.

Mr. Cousens is requesting the annexation of two parcels which total approximately 126 acres. A plan to develop the site will be prepared. Mr. Cousens and his associates J.P. and Brad were in attendance to discuss the annexation plans. Mayor Fisel thanked them stating we will be happy to have them as part of the community.

Motion to proceed with the petition for annexation: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 907-2017 (Speed Limit Changes)

Ordinance 907-2017 would lower the speed limit on Carol, Jennifer, and Parkmeadow Drives to 20 mph.

Motion to pass Ordinance 907-2017 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 907-2017 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 907-2017 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance will be advertised in the earliest edition of the Advance Leader. Enforcement of the new speed limit will be allowed 30 days after advertisement.

Parking on Marilyn Avenue

Marilyn Avenue currently allows parking on both sides of the street. It is difficult for the school busses, garbage truck, and city trucks to pass through. There are blind areas making it unsafe for the children in the area. Street Superintendent Mike Burdette would like to see parking on the west side of the street eliminated.

Motion to proceed with the process to prohibit parking on the west side of Marilyn Avenue: Ken Schuman

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Wages for 2018

When the City's Comprehensive Capital Plan was created, it allowed for an overall 2% increase in expenses. Mayor Fisel recommended a 2% wage increase for 2018 for both city employees and elected officials.

Motion to allow a 2% wage increase for City employees for 2018: Julia Bell

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to allow a 2% wage increase for elected officials for 2018: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #51985-52135

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Preparing for the festival this weekend.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Street striping and painting is finished. The new painter is in and will have training tomorrow.
- Chains from the old horse parking were removed today since the new parking is completed.
- Preparing for the festival weekend.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Working on festival prep.
- October 21 is Public Safety day at Fashion Farm's Pumpkinland.
- A police report was filed due to falling concrete from the viaduct. Various attempts have been made in the past to get Norfolk & Southern to address the issue as the city has no control or responsibility of the viaduct. INDOT has been contacted since the viaduct is over their highway. Hoping they can work with Norfolk and Southern to resolve the problem.
- Met with Mr. Cousens and INDOT and addressed current issues requiring improvement at the 6/33/5 Intersection that will help development in the future.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Preparing for mandated testing. This year is lead and copper. Will use the same 20 residents as previous years.
- Working on meter change outs. The radio read graphs detect leaks and are working to eliminate complaints from residents who feel the bill was high but didn't believe they had a leak.
- Ready for the project to begin. There have been 6 alarms recently due to our equipment.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Finishing up odds and ends on the project. The SCADA was installed two weeks ago.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Enrollment for youth football has ended. Still need kids in the 8-11 age group.
- The carnival people have started moving their rides and equipment into Woodlawn Park in preparation for the festival this weekend.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The horse parking is completed.
- Working on completion of Pettit Street and city parking log.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Appreciate having people with confidence in the city to come here. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought