

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 25, 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 City 2018 Budget

No public comments were made and the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Kelly Ware

Minutes from previous meeting of September 11, 2017

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

Citizens Comments - None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 910-2017 – Annexation

Ordinance 910-2017 was passed on the first reading at the September 11, 2017 meeting and was available for second and third readings.

Motion to pass Ordinance 910-2017 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 910-2017 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance will be recorded after the 30-day waiting period.

New Business

Ordinance 911-2017 – Budget for 2018

Ordinance 911-2017 was available for the first reading.

Motion to pass Ordinance 911-2017 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 912-2017 – Salary Ordinance for 2018

Ordinance 912-2017, salary ordinance for 2018 was available for the passage.

Motion to pass Ordinance 912-2017 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 913-2017 – Elected Officials' Salary Ordinance for 2018

Ordinance 913-2017, elected officials' salary ordinance for 2018 was available for the passage.

Motion to pass Ordinance 913-2017 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Office Rental to Perry Township Trustee

The Perry Township Trustee will be losing her current office and has expressed interest in the office formerly occupied by the code enforcement officer in the Police Department (office to the left of the police secretary). It has been empty for over a year. Chief Shearer is willing to offer it for rent.

Motion to have City Attorney Clouse prepare a lease agreement: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #52259-52355

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Safety day at Fashion Farm is October 21.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Leaf pick up started today.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- City Attorney Clouse is reviewing the Spillman RMS System contract from the county. The final price came in at \$55,669.50, much lower than the original estimates.
- After meeting with Heidi Amspaugh of Umbaugh, who prepared a capital plan for the RDC like the one the city had prepared, it appears that a new fire station is feasible with bonding beginning in 2020. With council’s blessing, we will begin some of the preliminary planning as it will take time to visit other stations and do the initial engineering plans. Council members indicated they are willing to move forward with the project.
- The concrete light poles downtown were finally installed. The lights were also installed, but do not yet have electricity.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The pre-constructions meeting for the water project are set for October 9 and October 13 with the two contractors.
- The track at Kenney Park is still anticipated to be bid and completed this year.

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- Toni Mayo of INDOT hand delivered a certification to the city for the Community Crossings Grant. This is a 75/25 grant for street paving projects worth \$483,240 with the city match at 161,080.
- Met with Norfolk & Southern regarding the viaduct. They have indicated something will happen but were not specific as to what.
- A project application for United Way’s Day of Caring is available if anyone has a project they would like to submit.
- TSC will be going into the former Alco Building. They are targeting February 2018 as the opening date.
- Thanks to the team for all you do.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor