

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, October 9, 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 September 25, 2017

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 911-2017 (Budget for 2018)

Ordinance 911-2017 was passed on the first reading at the September 25, 2017 meeting and was available for the second and third readings.

Motion to pass Ordinance 911-2017 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 911-2017 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 912-2017 (2018 Salary)

Ordinance 912-2017 was passed on the first reading at the September 25, 2017 meeting and was available for the second and third readings.

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

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 912-2017 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 913-2017 (2018 Elected Salary)

Ordinance 913-2017 was passed on the first reading at the September 25, 2017 meeting and was available for the second and third readings.

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

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 913-2017 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #52356-52500

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Doing fire prevention in the schools this week.
- Public Safety Day at Fashion Farm is Saturday, October 21, 2017.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The preconstruction meeting scheduled for today was delayed as the OCRA grant funds have not yet been released. Will be rescheduled.
- Completed nine digs in the city. Fill and reseeding of grass will be done when the ground settles. Filling street holes with limestone until the paving company can come in to patch. Several of the digs uncovered lead lines which we are required to replace when found.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Hope to start hauling sludge this week.
- New employee Josh Chupp started today.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Distributed a list of the current programs at the park department.
- Beyond the Basics, classes for Seniors are being conducted by Millers Merry Manor staff.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Still hope to bid and pave the Kenney Park track this fall. The Park Board requested some changes to the path to make it a full mile and straighten out curves.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Audit of 2013-2016 is underway. The cost to the city will be approximately \$4,000 for the city’s portion and will be deducted from our tax settlement. The combined utilities cost will be approximately \$10,000 and we will be billed for this. The utilities pay a higher rate as they are not tax supported. The audit is expected to take approximately eight weeks.

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- In April the city council voted to support a county wide housing study with a \$2,000 contribution. A focus group meeting was held today. The original cost of the study was quoted at \$22,000. However, a proposal was sent to Purdue University and they quoted \$12,500. They have already provided a housing snap shot. The project is expected to be completed by June 2018. Ligonier will need their own focus group of 6-8 people, a diverse group including people different ethnicities and income levels along with city representatives. A survey will be available to people who live in and/or work in the city at a later date. If you would like a copy of the proposal, see Mayor Fisel.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor