

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2018 · 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 June 11, 2018

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Dale and Susan Boyer, 105 River Street, Ligonier

Expressed concerns regarding a neighbor who mows the grass clippings into the street. He also said he believes the neighbor is in violation of other city codes which he feels should be enforced.

Council would like time to research the issue and the Mayor will report back to them.

Margarita White, 6044 N 475 W, Wawaka

On behalf of the Marshmallow Festival expressed thanks to the city department personnel for their behind the scenes assistance with the festival. Festival flyers were provided.

New Business

Petition for Annexation

A petition for annexation for approximate 139 acres south of the city limits was presented by Lowell Stoltzfus of Prairie Meadows LLC. This would be a super voluntary annexation. A public hearing is set for July 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to approve the petition for annexation by Prairie Meadows LLC: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to allow City Attorney Clouse to contact Umbaugh to prepare a fiscal impact statement: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Employee Wages

Mayor Fisel addressed the issue of wages stating that we are unable to find new employees at a starting wage of \$12.00 per hour. We have recently hired employees with some experience at a higher wage, but this leaves current employees below the new hires. We have developed a plan to increase pay to civil employees to make their wages comparable. The wages are all still within the guidelines of the salary ordinance. The overall annual financial impact was reviewed by Umbaugh who feels we will be able to afford the increases. Pending council approval, a matrix with the individual employees has been prepared and will be presented to the Board of Works.

Motion to approve proceeding with the wage increases for civil employees: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #54394-54473

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Bank Reconciliation Acknowledgement

May bank reconciliation reports were presented to council for acknowledgement.

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Young Services was contracted for sidewalks in the water project and started on sidewalks. They are also the contractor for the 50-50 sidewalk program. We are still taking applications for 2018.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- A proposal for public safety for wages and benefits will be presented at the July 9, 2018 meeting. Trying to stay in line with state and local departments.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- S & S is wrapping up the distribution portion of the water project. Started the sidewalk replacement. Brooks was here to measure for paving. A 30-day contract extension will be presented to Board of Works on Wednesday due to weather delays.
- Crosby started the controls portion of the project again today. We will let it run about a week to be sure it is communicating with hopes of a July 10 changeover.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Motion to allow the additional \$5,250 to be used for another project: Chris Fought***

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- bid this summer.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- issues.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Operation Foundation is July 25-28. Applications are now available. Children must be 15 to be unaccompanied by an adult. Would like to meet with departments on July 23, 2018 at 6:30 prior to the council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The updated 5-year comprehensive capital plan revisions were received from Umbaugh. Will have ready for council at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor