Ligonier Common Council Meeting Monday, July 9, 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 – Public Hearing for Annexation

Public hearing was held regarding the super voluntary annexation of property owned by Prairie Meadows. No public comments were made, and the hearing was closed.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel - Public Hearing for Grant

Jonathan Dorsey of Region 3a was present to conduct a public hearing on the stormwater grant the city intends to apply for on July 20, 2018. This was the second public hearing. No written comments had been received prior to the public hearing. City Engineer Rick Pharis explained that the project is to separate stormwater from the sewage lines on Union Street to eliminate rainwater going to the sewage plant for treatment.

Patricia Fisel made the comment that anytime we can save costs to alleviate an issue, it shows need for a project. As no other comments were made, the hearing was closed.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Council Members Chris Fought and Kelly Ware

Minutes from previous meeting of June 25, 2018

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

Citizens Comments

Kevin Carter, 216 E Grove Street, Kendallville on behalf of Ligonier Church of Christ

A community picnic has been planned and we are in the advertising stage. It will be held on August 11 from 11-4 rain or shine at the Ligonier Church of Christ. A car show will also be held from 9-2. Everyone is welcome to attend.

New Business

Adoption of Fiscal Plan for Annexation – Resolution 0709A-2018

A fiscal plan was prepared by Umbaugh. Resolution 0709A-2018 was up for approval.

Motion to approve Resolution 0709A-2018 (Fiscal Plan Adoption for Annexation): Ken Schuman Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 922-2018 - Annexation

Ordinance 922-2018 - Annexation ordinance was available for the first reading.

Motion to approve Ordinance 922-2018 (Annexation) on the first reading: Ken Schuman Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 0709-2018 – Matching Grant Funds

Resolution 0709-2018 commits local funds of \$60,000 from the stormwater utility and authorizes the Mayor to prepare and apply for grant funding.

Motion to approve Resolution 0709-2018 (Matching Grant Funds and Application Submission): Ken Schuman Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 54474-54614

Motion to approve: Julia Bell Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

Taking applications for the 50-50 sidewalk program until the end of July.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

Proposed an increase in longevity pay for sworn full time police and fire employees to stay competitive with other area departments. The funding would come from the Public Safety Local Income Tax funding. Members asked for additional detail prior to approving the proposal.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

The project is wrapping up. Sidewalks and curbs are going in. Paving should start around July 19.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Work on the Pigeon Street Bridge has begun.
- Complaint of a resident on Martin Street working on cars at their home is being addressed.
- Several new homes are being built. A few lots have become available.
- The BZA has been busy with several variance requests recently.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The Redevelopment Commission will take bids for Union Street on July 24 and award the bid on July 25.
- Quotes will also be taken for the extension of Third Street at Bowery leading to the compost site on July 24.
- Will prepare a paving program for the next round of the Community Crossings Grant funding.

Council Member Julia Bell

Drove to River Street to view the area the resident filed a complaint about at the last meeting. Did not see a reason for the complaint. Chief Shearer said he has had his officers watch the neighborhood. At the neighbor's request, he met to discuss the complaint.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Getting ready for the 2019 budgeting. The budget workshop is on August 10 this year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor