Ligonier Common Council Meeting Monday, August 13, 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

Presentation of Veterans' Memorial

David Magnus of the American Legion introduced the project and Jason Becker and Matt Kreager of Countryscapes presented the project. The Veterans' Memorial would be constructed in Pettit Park, at the trail head of the Strawberry Valley Trail. It would be 80 feet in diameter. The first phase would include infrastructure for other phase as well as the construction of the centerpiece with an estimated cost of \$260,000. Half of the first phase (\$130,000) has been committed by a local foundation. We will do fund raising for the additional half. Phase 1 could stand on its own, but the presentation included additional pieces to be added with a total cost of all phases to be \$760,000. The Veterans' Memorial would be a destination for not only Veterans and their families, but for students as it will include be educational features. We are working with Community Foundations of Noble County to set up a donation fund.

Minutes from previous meeting of July 23, 2018

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

Citizens Comments

Ken Hughes, Noble County Plan Commission

Zoning Ordinance changes were proposed for the city to meet the market needs of builders and developers. A handout of the changes was provided. The steps to implement the changes will be taken including a public hearing before the plan commission.

New Business

2018-2019 CEDIT Plan

The proposed plan was provided which included the items in the revised comprehensive capital plan. However, there is an additional item that needs to be added.

Motion to table the 2018-2019 CEDIT Plan to the next meeting: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Section 125 Plan for 2018-2019

The Section 125 plan for 2018-2019 was received from American Fidelity. It has the necessary changes in insurance providers. This is the plan that allows pre-tax deductions for employees' eligible insurance policies.

Motion to approve the Section 125 Plan and authorize Barb Hawn to sign the documents: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 0813-2018 (Transfers to Strawberry Valley Trail Fund)

Previously a new fund for the Strawberry Valley Trail was created. Resolution 0812-2018 allows the transfer of funds committed to the trails to the Strawberry Valley Trail Fund.

Motion to approve Resolution 0813-2018 allowing transfer of funds: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 0813A-2018 (Riverside Villa – Amending Resolution 1026-2015)

When Resolution 1026-2015 allowing tax abatement for the Riverside Villa Apartments was approved, it stated the property management company, Herman and Kittle, but the tax abatement was stated as Riverside Villa. The county requires the two to be the same. Resolution 0813A-2018 corrects the error.

Motion to approve Resolution 0813A-2018 amending 1026-2015: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Third Street Extension

Initial estimates for the compost and extension of Third Street were low. The bid for just Third Street extension was \$46,889. It will be necessary to appropriate additional funds. The recommendation is that we appropriate \$55,000 (to allow for possible change orders) from the Special LOIT funds.

Motion to approve using the Special LOIT funds for Third Street extension and going through the additional appropriation process: Ken Schuman Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #54750-54949

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The curbs and crosswalks were painted for the start of the school year.
- Starting on the sidewalk program.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

Met with a group of citizens from the 1000 block of West Second Street regarding their block party celebration. A recommendation they ask the Park Board to allow the party at Kenney Park. Suggesting that council recommend the Park Board waive any charges to use the park.

Motion to recommend that the Park Board waive park fees for the block party celebration: Chris Fought Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The S & S portion of the project is about wrapped up just a few things on the punch list.
- The Crosby portion with the controls is going well. A few issues but we are tweaking.
- We walked the next phase of the Strawberry Valley Trail on the current river walk to mark the trees needing removal.

Park Director Alan Duncan

A Foot Golf Course was set up at Kenney Park. The game is played by kicking a soccer ball. Rules are posted.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- There are currently 10 new homes in proceed in the city and 2-mile jurisdiction.
- Several local companies are working on expansions.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The paving will start soon. API Construction will be here to start the Community Crossings Project beginning this week, including the ADA sidewalk ramps.
- Niblock has the Union Street and Wastewater Parking lot projects.

Council Member Becky Gray

Thanks to Jason and Matt for sharing the Veterans' Memorial project. It will be a great value to the community.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

The budget was prepared according to the Comprehensive Capital Plan and the budget workshop was attended. Umbaugh will review the budget for us and the forms will be sent to council for review. The public hearing is set for September 24 and adoption for October 22.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- There is currently an open position on the Park Board. The Mayor appointed Roland Banda to fill the open position
- There are still two open board appointments: BZA and Plan Commission. If anyone knows of a city resident willing to serve, please let the Mayor know.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought Second: Ken Schuman

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Freasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor