

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 22, 2019 · Ligonier City Hall**  
**301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting**

**Roll Call**

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

**Minutes from previous meeting of July 9, 2019**

***Motion to approve: Ken Schuman      Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

**Introduction of New City Video**

Council Member Chris Fought introduced Aaron Waggoner who created the promo video for the city and the video was played for those in attendance.

**Introduction of Sara Barker – New KPC Reporter**

Mayor Fisel introduced Sara Barker, the new reporter for KPC News Media who will be covering our meetings.

**New Business**

**Resolution 0722-2019 – Transfer of Funds to 258 (Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund)**

Payments for projects through the Community Crossings Grants go through fund 258. The local matching funds are being transferred to fund 258 from 300 (GO Bond Proceeds) and 257 (LOIT Special Distribution).

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

**Water Conditioner for City Hall**

In the capital budget, there is \$10,000 for a new UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) for the computer room. Gary originally thought it would need changed this year, but the new batteries have it performing well. He would like to be able to use those budgeted funds for a water conditioning system for city hall. He has had to replace the water circulating pump and water heater three times. Just recently when they drained the lines, they were nearly clogged. We removed the water coolers from the building due to the scaling. He is asking permission to use the funds originally designated for the UPS for the water conditioning system and to re-budget the UPS in 2021.

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

**Claim Registers – APV 57192-57628**

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

**Bank Reconciliation Acknowledgement**

Members received copies of the bank reconciliation reports in their packets. They signed acknowledging receipt.

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Thanks to Forest River for the donation of the cargo trailer for the UTV.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Working on sidewalks on the 50-50 program. Still have funding available if anyone is interested.
- Getting the crosswalks and curbs painted and ready for the start of school.

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- The Fire Department received a 2012 Dodge Charger to replace the old Crown Victoria used by the Fire Inspector. This was a former deputy car donated to the city by the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

**Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- Working on meter change outs.
- Working on electrical issues at the old foundry building.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- Started on the garage last week. Should be done before Labor Day.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

- Getting some of the holes filled in from the trees that went down from the storm a few months ago.
- Getting a good routine down with the mowing crews.
- Decals have been ordered for the park vehicles to make them more recognizable.
- New design-logo for the parks department was created by a former co-worker who donated her time to design the logo for the city.

**Building Administrator Earle Franklin**

- Granite Ridge will be building the first house in Park Meadow III very soon. The lot faces Union Street.
- Jeff will fill in for inspections next week while Earle is on vacation.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

- API has been in to do the ADA grading and seeding from the paving project. Let Rick know if we hear anything that needs to be addressed.
- Strawberry Trail Phase II bids will be opened on August 13 and will award on August 14 at the RDC meeting.

**Council Member Chris Fought**

- Operation Foundation is this Saturday. Last meeting tomorrow at 6 am. Set up will be on Friday night. Will be ready to go Saturday at 7 am. Eleven project applications have been received so far.
- Triangle Park – great job by Bryan for the upkeep. Thank you. Nice gateway to the city.

**Council President Ken Schuman**

- Thanks to everyone involved in the video. Presents as good a picture as can be. Warm and fuzzy!

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**


- Working on budgets along with the department heads. Meeting with DLGF is August 13.


**Mayor Fisel’s Comments**

- Video is incredible. Covered every aspect of what we have. The people at the end are what really make it.
- Wages for 2019  
Proposing a 2.5% increase for everyone as per the Comprehensive Plan we developed with the help of Baker Tilly (Formerly Umbaugh).  
Also checked with Eric Walsh as would like to propose an additional \$1,000 for department heads, Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor, and Building Inspector. It will fit into the budget numbers. Last year we did a matrix for the hourly employees but did not include these positions.  
**Motion to approve the 2.5% pay increase for 2019 and an additional \$1,000 for department heads, Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor, and Building Inspector: Ken Schuman                      Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman                      Second: Chris Fought**

  
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
Patricia Fisel, Mayor