

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 26, 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, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of August 12, 2019

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

Citizens Comments

Charles Porter, 106 N. Martin Street – Same issue with loud music on 200 Lincolnway West 2:00 pm on Saturday until midnight. Not happy with the way we are handling the issue.

Chief Shearer replied. He met with Mr. Bonilla, the property owner. The building is zoned business. If he has a function, we have an agreement to have an officer on site. There were zero call in complaints on Saturday. He told Mr. Bonilla if we have a complaint, they will shut it down or turn the music down.

We have music events at other festivals and business establishments. Complaints need to be handled at the time. Without a complaint logged, we cannot take care of it.

Terry Pliant, 204 E. Union Street – Mr. Pliant spoke regarding what he felt was the mishandling of a code violation for moving at his residence. He stated they are trying to keep the yard in compliance. He is a renter and his landlord received the formal notification. He agreed that the grass was out of compliance but stated it was being worked on. He didn't feel enough notification was given, that no one contacted them by knocking on the door. He feels there should be additional communication and outreach between the officers and citizens.

Mayor Fisel replied back that she feels we do outreach and try to make the community the best we can.

Travis Brimhall, Park Director addressed the issue. The Park Department personnel takes care of the mowing and they did stop and talk to her. He personally reached out to her and let her know to cut over the weekend or they would be back to mow. He pulled in the driveway three times that morning, and three dogs were barking but no one came to the door. He proceeded to have the guys cut the grass. She threatened to shoot them with a shotgun, so he called a police officer to stand by.

Chief Shearer stated that we have a process we follow. The letter is sent to the owner who is responsible for the property. The owner has 10 days to respond or come into compliance. We sent over 500 grass ordinance letters last year. We have a 90% compliance when we send letters. We don't want to cut grass and fine people, but we do not have time to contact everyone personally.

Jamie Ritchie, 333 W Stones Hills Road – Ms. Ritchie works for a Roofing/Siding Company who wants to solicit in town. Asking for the procedure. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn explained the \$100 refundable deposit with application and \$5 per person per day fee.

New Business

Budget for 2020 – Approval to Advertise

All budget forms were sent to council for their review. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn asked for approval to advertise Budget Form 3 as presented. She noted the date for the public hearing is September 23 and the adoption is October 28.

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

Claim Registers – APV # 57744-57955

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Getting ready for the festival this weekend.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Getting ready for the festival this weekend.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Getting ready for the festival this weekend.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Employee gave resignation. Will be short a person until spring.
- Garage building should be finished next week.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Getting ready for the festival this weekend.
- Relay for Life was in Kenney Park last Saturday. They are rotating the location every year.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Niblock finished with the paving project for 2019.
- API finished the yards from the 2018 paving project.
- Welcome sign permits – three received. Working on the fourth sign permit and a location for the Lincolnway West sign.
- API working on a drainage project on Gerber St.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks for everyone being patient – happy to be back.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Like the new signs for the Marshmallow Festival.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Complaint – bring before the council. Residents from Seville Court have an over abundance of cats and are concerned. Nothing on our part we can do to address the cats
- Bryan – Humane Society won't take them if we capture them.
- Steve -doesn't know if anyone in Noble county has any regulations.

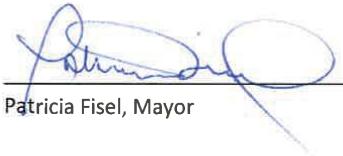
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor