

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, October 28, 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 – Public Hearing for OCRA Grant**

Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources was present to conduct a public hearing for the OCRA Stormwater Grant. She explained that this project is the last phase of multi-phased project of sewer and stormwater line separation. Stormwater is going to treatment plant. This project addresses the final phase of separation of the lines to alleviate problems with ponding, sewer back up, sewer odor due to back up in the line, and water in basements and yards. Rick Pharis of Triad assisted with the project description. She asked the audience if anyone was experiencing issues. Two people spoke of issues with sewer odor and water in the basement after heavy rains. The total project cost of the project is estimated at \$600,000. We will be applying for \$450,000 in grant funds with the balance of \$150,000 to be paid from stormwater funds. The grant will be submitted on November 22, 2019. Grant funds will be awarded on January 15, 2020.

**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 October 14, 2019**

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance 936-2019 (2020 Budget)**

Ordinance 936-2019 adopting the 2020 Budget was passed on the first reading on October 14, 2019. It was available for the second and third reading.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 936-2019 on the second reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 936-2019 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**Doris Gierhan and Heather Shearer representing Ruth Stultz Nursery School**

Mrs. Gierhan and Mrs. Shearer presented a preliminary plan proposing a new building for the Ruth Stultz Nursery School. They would like to tear down the existing building and the basement. A new basement and six sections of modular would be constructed. They would like to start late spring 2020 and be ready for fall 2020. The new building would face the east instead of the south and allow for a student drop off at the door. It would potentially allow the school to almost double their enrollment. They currently have a waiting list. They are asking the council for support of the project and to allow them to pursue fundraising for the project. Details of the agreement between the city and school would be worked out through City Attorney Clouse.

***Motion to show support for the project and allow the school to proceed with fundraising efforts: Ken Schuman  
Second: Kelly Ware      Vote: All Ayes***

**Betty Peterson – Murals**

Betty Peterson spoke to the future care of the murals in Ligonier. She and Ruth Elijah had been taking care of the project since it began. She would like the city to have a position whose job description would include care of the murals. Most of them are currently in good shape right now but need someone to overlook them and know what to do and who to contact when they need care. The city currently holds funds donated by a local foundation to pay for mural restoration.

Mayor Fisel said we would address the issue at a department head meeting allowing us time to discuss the situation and get back to Mrs. Peterson.

**Ordinance 938-2019 – Adopting Supplement to Code of Ordinances**

The update to the code of ordinance was printed and requires adoption.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 936-2019 on the first reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman  
Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 936-2019 on the second reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

**Motion to pass Ordinance 936-2019 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman**  
**Second: Chris Fought** **Vote: All Ayes**

**Claim Registers – APV # 58346-58419**

**Motion to approve: Julia Bell**

**Second: Becky Gray**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Fire personnel completed their annual physical agility test last week.
- Getting ready for Halloween.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Started Leaf Pick Up.

**Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- The water project is at the one year of completion. Thanks to the mayor for supporting the project. Calls have stopped for rusty water.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- Working on getting the sludge barn and the sludge press into the building.
- Getting ready for winter and the grant.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

- Finished winterizing the restrooms at Kenney Park.
- Working at the barn getting things cleaned up.
- Seasonal guys will be done Friday.

**Building Administrator Earle Franklin**

- Application for another house in Park Meadow III (third one)

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Office will be closed November 1 for training and November 11 for Veterans Day.

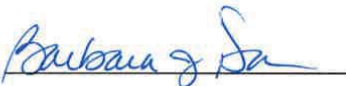
**Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- Will be bringing census information soon.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought**

**Second: Ken Schuman**



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor