

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, December 9, 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 November 25, 2019

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

New Business

Heidi Amspau, Director from Baker Tile was in attendance to provide background information to the council regarding the lease rental bonds for the fire station project.

Resolution 1209-2019 (Council Approval of Fire Station Lease)

A resolution was prepared by Ice Miller for council approval of the fire station lease between the Redevelopment Authority and Redevelopment Commission and approval of the issuance of lease rental bonds by the Redevelopment Authority.

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

Ordinance 938-2019 (Amended Employee Handbook)

An updated version of the employee handbook was available for approval by ordinance. The new version will be effective on January 1, 2020.

***Motion to approve Ordinance 938-2019 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 938-2019 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 938-2019 on the third and final reading:
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Redevelopment Commission Appointments for 2020

Mayor Fisel's Appointments

Bryan Shearer, John Mangona, and Patty Fisel

Council Appointments

***Motion to appoint Julia Bell and Chris Fought: Ken Schuman
Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV #58643-58717

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Thank the community and chamber of commerce for the great breakfast with Santa on Saturday.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Finally finished with leaves and leaf vac put away.
- Christmas decorations are up.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- On behalf of the fire department – thank the council for supporting the fire department project. TIF dollars have done a lot in the community to do projects without raising tax dollars.
- Have not yet heard on the grant for the under-cover officer.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Busy getting everything ready for winter.
- Sludge press is in the building. It can run 24 hours a day.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- First group of basketball is wrapping up. Taking registrations for the next group.
- Indoor market is doing well on Saturdays.
- Paving projects were completed last month. Final finishes will be done in the spring.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Park Meadow III was able to get the streets in. Gives a better vision on how the addition will be. They can get to the lots to start building.
- Thank Mike, Kenny, and Jeff with their assistance in the Park Meadow III project.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thank the council and everyone for letting her be a part of the council.
- Thank you to the community for everything.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Thanks to Kelly and Becky for their time here on the council.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Becky Gray

- An honor to be on council and pleasure to get to know everyone.

City Attorney Steve Clouse

- Merry Christmas. Look forward to serving Ligonier for another year.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Thanks to Kelly and Becky for their eight years of service to the community.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thanks to Kelly and Becky for their service. Plaques and nameplates were presented to both.
- Look forward to working with new members Bill Mills and Doretta Wiegand.
- Thanks to the departments for working together and sharing equipment so that we can accomplish all of the projects we do.
- Thanks to the department heads, council, Clerk-Treasurer, deputy clerks, and city attorney for all they do.
- Thanks to the guests for coming. Thanks for the family support. Thanks to Sara for covering us in the news.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor