

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, January 13, 2020 · 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 Members Ken Schuman, Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills  
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

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

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

**New Business**

**Election of Council President Pro Tempore**

Chris Fought nominated Ken Schuman as the Council President Pro Tempore for 2020.

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

**Encumbered Funds from 2019 to 2020**

Three projects from 2019 were committed to but were not completed in 2019. It is necessary to encumber the funds over to 2020.

Welcome Sign Installation – Countryscapes	\$7,540 from Fund 242 CEDIT
Landscaping at Kenney Park – Countryscapes	\$3,200 from Fund 205 Rec Center
Final Paving at Woodlawn Park – Pulver	\$5,425 from Fund 204 Park & Rec

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

**Police Dept. Additional Employee**

Chief Shearer explained that we did not get the grant we applied for to add a full-time officer to the Noble County Drug Task Force. We have been committing 16 hours per week but would like to commit a full-time officer and add another officer to our full-time staff. The production of what the task force has been able to do has been very good. It is very important for our community and county.

Some of the highlights from July-December 2019 - 3 suspects arrested, firearms recovered, 5 lbs. of marijuana , 23 grams of cocaine recovered, 55 lbs. of methamphetamine recovered.

We will be meeting with Baker Tilly to go over budgeting tomorrow and would like to get council approval to add the officer if the accountants believe we can work it into this year's budget.

***Motion to allow to move forward if Baker Tilly can find funding for this year: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV # 58718-59062**

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

**Acknowledgement of Bank Reconciliation from November 2019 and December 2019**

Council members acknowledged receipt of and signed the November 2019 and December 2019 bank reconciliation reports.

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Mayor Fisel congratulated the fire personnel recently recognized at the year-end celebration.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Thanks to Tim from Water for helping to take the Christmas decorations down.

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

- Final plans on the fire station project are expected tomorrow. The project will be bid in mid-February. Bonding in March after the bids are awarded.

**Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- Conference in Indy at the end of the month. Final word on lead and copper should be coming.
- PFOS – new regulations may be coming, and we will have to test for it.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- Welcome to new council members.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

- 60 kids for K-3 basketball. 20 registered in Senior Fitness. 15 registered for Aerobics.
- Will be doing preventative maintenance on items in the Rec Center.

**Council Member Chris Fought**

- Commented that the light poles at the fire station are out. AEP has been contacted.

**Council Member Julia Bell**

- Welcome new council members.
- Good job to department heads.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Welcome new council members.

**Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- Welcome new council members. Any questions at any time we are here to help.
- Thank everyone who has helped us with the OCRA stormwater grant application. This was our fourth application with a new grant writer this time. We are happy to report we were awarded the grant.
- Thank everyone for supporting Bryan with the additional officer.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*

  
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
Patricia Fisel, Mayor