

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 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 Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Ken Schuman

Minutes from previous meeting of March 9, 2020

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Motion to Adopt Paragraph 5 of Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04

City Attorney Clouse explained that with the new Executive Order 20-09, it is no longer necessary to adopt this policy. If possible, meetings should be cancelled unless there is essential business. The new order allows for virtual meetings which can be by phone, or electronic meeting applications. We will hold the Board of Works meeting by phone to approve the grant administrator contract which was tabled at the last meeting.

Motion to Appoint a Member to Approve Claims Register

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, the State Board of Accounts Examiner issued Directive 2020-1 which allows one member of council to be appointed to review the claims register and electronically approve until the full council is back to meetings.

Motion to appoint Bills Mills to approve the claims register electronically to the Clerk-Treasurer until council is back to full meetings: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #59487-59561

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Governor's Executive Order 20-06 prohibits the disconnection of water services. Our normal disconnections set for April 1, 2020 have been cancelled. Normally penalties are applied to accounts who do not pay by the 15th of the month. Many communities along with AEP and NIPSCO are not charging penalties during the COVID-19 Emergency. The state is not charging penalties on property tax until July 15, 2020.

Motion to forgo the April 16, 2020 penalties on Ligonier Utilities accounts: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

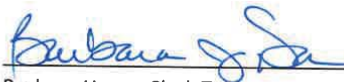
Mayor Fisel's Comments

- The Governor's Executive Order 20-08 states that employees needed to complete essential governmental functions are allowed to work. At this time this will include full time city employees. Others may be added as needed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor