

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 10, 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 – Public Hearing Appropriating GO Bond Proceeds

The hearing was opened. There was no public comment and Mayor Fisel closed the hearing.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing General Fund Appropriations

The hearing was opened. There was no public comment and Mayor Fisel closed the hearing.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Ken Schuman, Chris Fought, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Doretta Wiegand

Minutes from previous meeting of July 27, 2020

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 944-2020 (Appropriating GO Bond Proceeds)

The ordinance was passed on the first reading at the last meeting and was available for the second and third readings.

Motion to pass Ordinance 944-2020 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 944-2020 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 945-2020 (Additional Appropriations – General Fund)

It is necessary to appropriate additional funds for personal services from the General Fund for the additional full time police officer. The total is \$60,000.

Motion to pass Ordinance 945-2020 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 945-2020 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 945-2020 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Elkhart Township Fire Contract

The council approved a 2.5% per year increase for the new contract with Elkhart Township at the last meeting. The information was provided to the Trustee and she was agreeable. The contract was available for approval.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #60477-60582

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Continuing the painting before school starts – curbs and crossings.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- We are pushing to get the meters changed in time for the software changeover in September.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Cleaning up in the parks. Dealing with some vandalism. The camera was able to get pictures of the kids doing the damage to the benches. Provided to the Police Dept. Will change the camera to record video instead of pictures.
- Put 30 feet of horse tie outs in Kenney Park for the Amish.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Bids for the stormwater projects will be opened on Wednesday.
- Viaduct drainage is improved but there is still some ponding of water during the rain a weekend ago. Will work with INDOT.
- Fire Station – working on the foundation issue due to the water.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The budget workshop went well. Form 1 was emailed to Council Members today. The Gateway Budget program is having errors in the program. Hoping it will be solved soon so all budget forms can be provided to council.
- Important dates: the public hearing for the budget is set for September 14 and adoption is set for October 12.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Visitor from Ligonier, Pennsylvania stopped in today. Interesting visit.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Bill Mills


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Patricia Fisel, Mayor