

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, October 12, 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 September 28, 2020

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

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 948-2020 (2021 Budget)

The ordinance was passed on the first reading on September 14, 2020 and was available for the second and third readings.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 948-2020 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 948-2020 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

New Business

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Noble County Prosecutor Jim Mowery and Deputy Prosecutor Eric Murray were present to ask the city to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in collaboration with other county agencies. On behalf of the City of Ligonier, Mayor Fisel proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Month, and presented a proclamation document to Mr. Mowery and Mr. Murray. NO MORE is the slogan for 2020. No more violence, no more shame.

Ordinance 950-2020 (CARES Act Fund 150)

CARES Act funding is available to the city. Ordinance 950-2020 establishes Fund 150 for the deposit of the funds.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 950-2020 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 950-2020 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 950-2020 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

Resolution 1012-2020 CARES Act

Expenses eligible for reimbursement with CARES Act funding have been broadened to include public health and safety wages. We plan to submit a request for reimbursement for eligible employee compensation. Approval will allow us to fully utilize the CARES ACT grant funds allocated to Ligonier. The State Board of Accounts has issued procedural guidance to request reimbursement of public health and public safety payroll costs including approval of a Resolution by the governing body outlining the reimbursement process.

***Motion to pass Resolution 1012-2020: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV #60941-61059

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Pork burger fund raiser at Family Dollar parking lot this Saturday, 10-4.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Prayers appreciated for the employees who have had or are recovering from COVID. Especially for Cindy LeCount who is in serious condition at Goshen Hospital.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Meter project is going well. Just about 80 meters left to change over to radio reads. Ben was able to read all the radio reads in about two hours.
- The Neptune 360 software is working well.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Kudos to the crew for taking care of things while I was out. Nice to have people to rely on.
- Reduced the sludge production with "bugs". Company we had hauling sludge was sold so need to check to see if there will be any changes.
- Prayers welcome for anyone who has gone through the COVID virus.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Last Farmer's Market for the year was last Saturday.
- Flag football will end this coming weekend.
- Still trying to decide what to do about basketball at the Rec Center.
- The parking lot at Kenney Park has been black topped.
- Woodlawn Park paving will be completed by the end of October.
- Layout for disc golf is completed. The baskets and other items have been ordered.
- Thanks to the police department for their help with vandalism in the park. The SRO's have been working with me to identify the kids since we have the cameras up. Seven have been identified. Appreciate all their help.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Martin Street project was submitted to Community Crossings Grant.
- Last of the geo piers on the fire station project will be installed this week.
- The last of the welcome signs have been staked out. Hope to get them installed this month.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Things are happening in the industrial park. Two companies will be coming in for tax abatement. Good reports about how easy the department heads are to work with.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor