

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021 · 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 (via phone), 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 14, 2020

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

Citizens Comments

John Lutton, 100 E Miller St.

Concern about the current fire station and what will happen to it after the new station is completed. Thought plans would be in the works already. A great number of people want a community center. Other ideas such as moving the food bank. Encourage the council to listen to the people.

Bill Mills and Chris Fought previously volunteered to serve on a committee. Two other people, Janet and Charlie Kidd have volunteered as well.

Gary Bishop, 306 Pontiac St.

Backing up John with what he said about a community center. We would appreciate it. Need to get something in the works.

Mayor Fisel thanked both John and Gary for their input.

Unfinished Business

Take Home Vehicles for Department Heads

Members were asked the effective date for department heads take home vehicles as well as if they wanted to have a more detailed take home vehicle policy. Mayor Fisel suggested adding more detail such as the example presented from another community. Discussion led to the following.

Have Steve draw up specifics for the next meeting per Ken. Dept heads may go ahead with use for take home vehicles beginning immediately.

New Business

Council President Pro Tempore for 2021

***Motion to appoint Ken Schuman as the Council President Pro Tempore for 2021: Bill Mills
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Redevelopment Commission Appointments

Mayor Fisel appoints: Patty Fisel, John Mangona, and Bryan Shearer

Council Nominations:

Motion to nominate Julie Bell and Chris Fought: Ken Schuman Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 952-2021 – Parking on Summit Street

Ordinance 952-2021 restricts parking in certain areas on Summit Street.

***Motion to approve Ordinance 952-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes***

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

***Motion to approve Ordinance 952-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 952-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 953-2021 – All Way Stop

Ordinance 953-2021 makes an all way stop at the intersection of Bowery Street and Third Street.

***Motion to approve Ordinance 953-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes***

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 953-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills **Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to approve Ordinance 953-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills **Vote: All Ayes**

Ordinance 954-2021 – Parking-No Parking

Ordinance 954-2021 changes the parking/no parking on Cadillac, El Dorado, and Seville.

Motion to approve Ordinance 954-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills **Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman **Second: Doretta Wiegand** **Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to approve Ordinance 954-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Doretta Wiegand **Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to approve Ordinance 954-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Bill Mills **Vote: All Ayes**

Claim Registers – APV # 61519-61760

Motion to approve: Bill Mills **Second: Ken Schuman** **Vote: All Ayes**

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The concrete foundations for the station have been poured. Hopefully, steel will start going up next week.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Have a dump truck in the shop in Fort Wayne. Repair of \$3,500 to \$8,000. One year out on the warranty.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Had a water leak due to a fitting malfunction. Took longer to dig than to repair.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Doing more work at the garage to have it functional when the guys come back.
- Disc golf has brought a lot of people into the city. Groups are even playing in the snow.
- First tournament to help the Turning Point will be held Memorial Weekend.
- Have been doing “Virtual Races” on the track so people are not all there running at the same time.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Housing construction has started back up – slowed a little over the holidays.
- Low Bobs will be completed soon. The old building will be torn down and another building will be built.
- West Noble Waste Recovery is moving along.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Wood fencing for the trail is complete.
- Should be bidding the Community Crossing project for Martin Street soon.
- The storm separation project on Union Street started.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- A list of encumbrances from 2020 to 2021 was distributed to council members. The items total \$43,525.00 for construction of an office for the IT/Facilities Director, Paving at Woodlawn Park, and Summer and Fall Clean Up from Republic Services.
- The budget order was received on Friday. We received our maximum levy.

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- Happy New Year – going be a great year – stay positive.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman **Second: Bill Mills**


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Patricia Fisel, Mayor