

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 25, 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 – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations

The hearing was held for additional appropriations in the General Fund for IT-Facilities Dept. Personal Services \$31,000, IT-Facilities Dept. Other Services \$1,000, and Council Other Capital Outlays \$28,000.

With no comments, the public hearing was closed.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members 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 January 11, 2021

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Take Home Vehicle Policy

A draft of the take home vehicle policy was distributed to council members for review. Would still like input from our insurance agent before finalizing the policy.

Motion to table for two weeks: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 955-2021 – Additional Appropriations

Ordinance 955-2021 approves the additional appropriations for General Fund for IT-Facilities Dept. Personal Services \$31,000, IT-Facilities Dept. Other Services \$1,000, and Council Other Capital Outlays \$28,000.

Motion to approve Ordinance 955-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 955-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 955-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

COVID FLMA Continuation Policy

The COVID FLMA mandate ended on 12/31/2020. Discussion was held regarding the voluntary continuation of the policy. Currently, tax breaks will still be available until 03/31/2021.

It was suggested that we continue the COVID FLMA until 03/31/2021 for any employee who has not yet used the 10 days mandated in the original federal policy, effective 01/01/2021. City Attorney Clouse will prepare a resolution for the first meeting of February.

Motion to extend the pay until 3/31/2021 with restrictions that if the employee has already used 10 days of COVID FLMA they are not eligible for additional COVID FLMA Pay: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Cancellation of Old Warrants List Acknowledgement

The list of cancellation of old warrants was distributed to council members. There was only one check from 4/18/2018 in the amount of \$0.96 which will be cancelled.

December 2020 Bank Rec and Fund Report Acknowledgement

The balanced bank reconciliation from December 2020 and Fund Report from 2020 was distributed to council members.

Claim Registers – APV # 61761-61857

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Proposal for Bonus to Full Time Employees for COVID Hazard Pay

Mayor Fisel recommended giving a bonus to full time employees of \$1000 for COVID Hazard Pay. Funds used from the COVID Cares Grant which reimbursed the General Fund will be used. Discussion led to the following:

Motion to give bonus for COVID Hazard pay to full time employees of \$1000 subject to salary ordinance update and additional appropriations.: Bill Mills

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The steel started going up on the station last week.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Trucks are loaded up and ready for the snowstorm we are expecting tonight.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Grant Moser was PERF approved, so official start date is 12/28/2020.
- Locked in for fuel for the city for 2021 at 2.17/gallon.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Separation project is moving along. A few minor problems but overall going smoothly.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Thank Jeff and Kenny for their help with a broken sewage line at Woodlawn Park by the garage.
- Will bring up to Board of Works about beginning a Disc Golf league.
- Good to see the comments regarding the fire station building.

Council Members Bill Mills and Chris Fought

- Committee meeting Friday. Everyone agreed to have the building structure checked out.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Asked for input on Growing Up Ligonier regarding the building. Several good ideas were generated. Discussed using it as a fitness center, a community center/reception hall, and rental income possibilities for the offices. Would like input from Jeremy and Bryan regarding the structure of the building. Look into OCRA Grant possibilities for funding.

City Attorney Steve Clouse

- The council previously voted to move ahead with selling the lot on Martin and Sixth Street. Appraisals were received. Suggest an executive session to discuss the appraisals and sale of real estate prior to the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Patricia Fisel, Mayor