

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

Executive Session Prior to Council Meeting

As per the notice given, the Ligonier Common Council met in Executive Session on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers Conference Room at City Hall, located at 301 South Cavin Street Second Floor, Ligonier Indiana, pursuant to the provisions of IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) to discuss the sale of real property. The matter was discussed, and no decisions were made.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations

The hearing was held for Additional Appropriations from the General Fund to allow for a one-time bonus to full time employees. The total amount of the appropriation is \$39,000.

With no comment from the public, the 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 25, 2020

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

Unfinished Business

Take Home Vehicle Policy

As per council direction, the take home vehicle policy was revised and available for approval by council.

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

The revised policy will be added to the employee handbook with the next revision.

COVID FMLA Continuation Policy – Resolution 0208-2021

As per council direction, a COVID FMLA policy was prepared in resolution form, Resolution 0208-2021.

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

New Business

Ordinance 956-2021 (Additional Appropriations)

Ordinance 956-2021 approves the additional appropriations from the General Fund of \$39,000 to allow for one-time bonuses to full time city employees.

Motion to approve Ordinance 956-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 956-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 956-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 957-2021 (Salary Amendment for 2021 Allowing Bonus)

Ordinance 957-2021 amends the 2021 Salary Ordinance allowing for one-time bonuses to full time employees.

Motion to approve Ordinance 957-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 957-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 957-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Sale of Real Estate

Property at Martin and Sixth Street owned by the city is a vacant lot. Appraisals were obtained for the property and it is reasonable to conclude that the value is less than \$15,000. The matter was discussed in executive session. To proceed the findings must be approved, the property will need to be advertised, council will need to appoint someone to conduct negotiations and someone to sign the paperwork.

Motion to agree with finding number three (It is economically unjustifiable to sell the tract through the process set forth in I.C. 36-1-11-4, which provides for a more formal offer for sale or public auction), to appoint City Attorney Steve Clouse to conduct negotiations, to appoint Mayor Fisel to sign the paperwork and to set the offering price at \$7,500: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #61858-61988

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Police Dept. – 2020 Annual Report

Chief Shearer went over the highlights of 2020 with a presentation of the annual report for the Police Dept.

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Trying to put together a league for the Disc Golf through the Pro Disc Golf Association.

Council Member Bill Mills

- Next meeting regarding the fire station is Thursday at nine o'clock.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Received a letter from Vibracoustic regarding their permanent closure April 30, 2021.

Citizen Comments

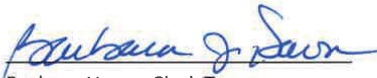
Gary Bishop – Pontiac Street

Complimented Chief Shearer on the job he does.

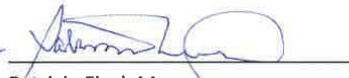
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor