

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, April 12, 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 Members Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills

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

Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Chris Fought

Minutes from previous meeting of March 22, 2021

Motion to approve: Bill Mills

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Sandy Bontrager, 514 Morton Street

Curious to see if the council would allow chickens in the city limits. Would like to have chickens for eggs. Knows of others who do have chickens illegally.

Mayor Fisel let Ms. Bontrager know that the council would need to consider changing the ordinance. Will put on the agenda for their discussion.

Problem with loud music in her neighborhood. As soon as the officer leaves, they turn the music back up. Wondering what can be done.

Chief Shearer addressed both issues. There are problems with chickens every year in the spring. Code enforcement officer has already spoken with at least two residents. When we know about them, we take care of it.

All calls are answered by priority. Our system tracks all calls and officers do have access to the information previous calls on the loud music. We can up the patrols in the area. Loud music is a city ordinance violation, and we have to witness it to make a citation.

New Business

CF1 Approvals

Annual compliance forms for tax abatement were received from the following companies:

- Advanced Metal Etching, Personal Property
- Blackpoint Properties, Real Property
- L & L Associates (Structural Composites), Real Property
- Precision Tank, Real Property and Personal Property

Members had reviewed the forms and found the companies to be in substantial compliance which led to the following.

Motion to approve all five CF-1 forms for the four companies: Julia Bell

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #62281-62424

Motion to approve: Bill Mills

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Still have people dumping at the compost. Working with Gary to get something in place.
- Will start taking dead trees down tomorrow. There are only three trees. The trees between the street and the sidewalk are those that qualify for the city to remove.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Chief Shearer recognized Gary Cox stating every good organization recognizes good accomplishments. Gary retired after 32 years on the Ligonier Police force, 10 as patrol officer and 22 as detective from 1988-2021. In his time as a detective he specialized in computer crimes, financial crimes, identity theft. His work led to the arrest and conviction in the double homicide. He is a great resource, and we are happy to have him close by in his new position.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Soccer games will start this weekend. Over 200 kids signed up for 18 teams this year. Was hard to find enough coaches.
- Disc Golf is going well. Working with Jeremy on selling pork burgers for their final night.
- The center restroom at Kenney Park is open and the other restrooms will be opening soon.
- The Easter Egg Hunt was held. The kids found 6000 eggs in less than 6 minutes.

IT/Facilities Director Gary Cox

- The projector system was installed but the monitors at the council table are not working. Company is working on it and should be completed by the end of the week. All the other areas are working.

Council Member Bill Mills

- Grills in the park? Is this something we can investigate. There used to be grills in the park and wondering why it no longer allowed. This rule would have been implemented by the previous Park Board administration. Travis will look into it and bring it to the Board of Works-Park Authority to discuss.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Thanks to Street Dept. for picking up leaves and limbs.

City Attorney Steve Clouse

- Had an item from the previous meeting he needed the council to address. A motion to allow the mayor to sign the purchase agreement for the sale of the real estate was made. We need a revised motion to include allowing the Mayor to sign all documents regarding the sale of the real estate.

Motion to allow the Mayor to sign all documents relating to the real estate transaction: Julia Bell

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The Compensation Project is underway. A training session for department heads will be held tomorrow.
- RDC Annual Report for April 15 was prepared by Baker Tilly. The draft version was reviewed. The final version will be uploaded into Gateway and sent to Council.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Would like the council to consider a food truck ordinance and a revised burn ordinance. Bryan and Jeremy will meet with Steve on the burn ordinance and bring recommendations to council.
- Thank everyone for all the good work and teamwork.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Julia Bell

Second: Bill Mills


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Patricia Fisel, Mayor