

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, April 26, 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, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of April 12, 2021

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Discussion of Chickens in the City

At the previous meeting council was asked to consider allowing chickens in the city. The topic was tabled for further discussion. Current ordinance does not allow.

Chief Shearer gave an update. He and Code Enforcement Officer Alexander are working with the violator who was identified at the last meeting. It took until last Thursday to meet face to face. She is aware of the issue. She understands why she cannot have them. She will make sure they are gone by the end of the week. This is a problem every spring. He recommended we not change our policy. Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Chris agreed.

Motion to leave the ordinance as is: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

CF-1 Approvals

Jeld Wen – Personal Property

Stating that all numbers exceed the projections, the following was made.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

West Noble Waste Recovery – Real Property

New business has not yet completed the project. Number of employees meets expectations. A letter received stated they hope to be operational soon and will be hiring the additional people.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 959-2021 – Establishing Plan Commission Membership

The membership of the plan commission needed to be reconfigured since the Park Board was dissolved and the current board included a Park Board appointment. Ordinance 959-2021 establishes the new configuration.

Motion to pass Ordinance 959-2021 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 pass Ordinance 959-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 959-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Plan Commission Appointments

Mayor Fisel will review her current appointments and name them prior to the next Plan Commission meeting.

Council appointments

Council has three appointments who are either elected or appointed officials or employees of City Government. All members will be voting members.

Motion to appoint Earle Franklin, Chris Fought, and Rick Pharis: Ken Schuman

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 960-2021 – Establishing Fund 151 - ARPA

A new fund needs to be established for the federal funding which the city will be receiving from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Motion to pass Ordinance 960-2021 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 pass Ordinance 960-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 960-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought *Vote: All Ayes*

Claim Registers – APV # 62425-62501

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The rooms on the first floor of the new fire station have been framed in and they are working on the second floor along with the roof.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- API will be in town tomorrow to start the final pavement of Union Street and other areas in the project.

Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer

- Received a call from a resident regarding two Ligonier officers they saw at Culvers for lunch. Was impressed that they took the time to talk to his grandkids and give them a “badge”. Chief Shearer stated the two officers were SRO Moser and SRO Shearer. They had been in Goshen for a medical emergency for a WNMS student. SRO Shearer rode in the ambulance with the child so he would not have to be alone, and they met his father (who works in Goshen) at the hospital.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- A presentation of the 2020 Year End Report for the water department was given by Jeff Boyle highlighting the departments accomplishments.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- We took delivery of the sewer camera from Brown Equipment.

IT/Facilities Director Gary Cox

- The AV Equipment Project is almost complete. However, the projector will need to be exchanged. It does not work with the monitors. The new projector is ordered. The company will not be charging the city for the additional \$2600 cost.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- Pulver was tentatively awarded the Martin Street project. The grant funds have not yet been received.

Council Member Bill Mills

- Inquired about grills in the park. Will put on the BOW-PA agenda for Wednesday.
- Committee meeting on the old fire station next week.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Operation Foundation officially disbanded. Remaining funds donated to the New Community Initiative.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Wage and Position project underway. Should be completed by the end of summer.


Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- Live in a great community. Just this week spoke to many people who praised the community. Talked to business that want to come into Ligonier. Good to know that people recognize the value of community.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer
Patricia Fisel, Mayor