

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 14, 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 Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, and Bill Mills
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Julia Bell

Minutes from previous meeting of May 24, 2021

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 961-2021 (Rezoning)

Rezoning of two parcels (57-01-34-400-011.000-014 and 57-01-34-400-010.000-014) from A-1 to PD-R, PD-B, PD-I was requested by the property owner. The Plan Commission sent a favorable recommendation to the Council for approval. Ordinance 961-2021 would rezone the property as stated. Crystal Welsh from Abonmarche representing the property owner was present to speak on behalf and answer questions.

They are trying to come up with a scenario to market the property for development. The PUD is conceptual for future zoning. They feel it will be good for the community as well as the property owner.

Motion to approve Ordinance 961-2021 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Discussion of Electronic/Virtual Meeting Attendance

New legislation concerning Electronic/Virtual Meetings will go into effect on July 1, 2021. Information was provided for review. This will be for going forward after the health emergency. City Attorney Clouse explained the procedures and requirements of the new statute. To be able to hold electronic/virtual meetings during non-emergency times, the governing body must adopt a procedure. He will prepare the documents for the next meeting.

Claim Registers – APV #62782-62942

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The new Fire Station is coming along. Board members toured today. Hope to be ready to move in by December.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Grinding stumps for the trees taken down in the city. 25 so far.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Working with Square One – Granite Ridge's contractor on the water lines in the Parkmeadow Subdivision.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Epic Soccer and Art Camp started today.
- Rock Solid Youth Group volunteered in the park last week and did some painting.
- Baseball started last week.
- A new Disc Golf League will start on June 21.
- Working on a fall car show in Kenney Park with a group from Fort Wayne
- Working on a pop up COVID vaccine center at the Rec Center

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Continuing with house construction at Park Meadow.
- County Plan Commission will have an in-depth discussion on solar power at their meeting on Wednesday. Have been inquiries for using land for windmills.

Council Member Bill Mills

- Will have another meeting Thursday on the fire station.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Mayor Fisel updated council on some possible uses for the ARP Funds. She stated it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to do some projects we have not been able to do before. Council will be responsible for adopting a plan. We are expecting to receive a total of \$912,000. To date, the first installment has not been received.

- Possible projects: Extension of Pennington Way and a rail spur in the industrial park, Citywide WIFI hot spots, remodeling of the current fire station, utility projects, and Diamond Lake Road extension. She asked council to let her know of any project they might like to see the funding used for. Use of the federal funds has strict guidelines that must be met.
- We have been working with Baker Tilly to put a plan together and may be able to utilize other funding options as well including an EDA Grant for the industrial park project and SWIF grant for the utility projects.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor