

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

Proper notice was given for a public hearing for additional appropriations. The public was given the opportunity to speak. There were no public comments.

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 July 12, 2021

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Mayor Fisel welcomed the Boy Scouts and Leaders, and other residence in attendance. She stated that she was aware that some may be here to address the mill noise and gave them three minutes to speak, stating that the item is on the agenda and Ken Schuman will address the issue.

Name & Address: Mark Stout – 205 West Second Street

The sound at the mill is just as loud today as it was two weeks. It does not seem like they have done anything to take care of the problem.

Name & Address: Steve Hathaway 206 South Main Street

Commented that he hears the noise, but it appears to be louder near Mark's house than his house. He realizes that we must have businesses to support the community and added that on the flip side he feels the taxpayers should see some type of resolution and he thinks it is fair to ask. There has to be a viable way to get the situation fixed.

Unfinished Business

Mill Update

Ken Schuman was appointed to check into the matter for us. He Met with the mill manager. They walked the mill and took decibel levels in the mill and on Second Street. They agree the level is higher than it should be.

There is a high pressure room in the mill. Exhaust is what is making the noise. Much higher than what the manager had anticipated. He had the contractor install deflectors. The structure is vibrating and also making some of the noise so sound baffling was also installed. The silencer that was ordered a month and a half ago arrived on July 23, the silencer arrived. On Friday, July 30, the silencer will be installed.

The last thing the mill wanted to do was to cause problem for the citizens. It was built in 1886 and has operated continuously since then.

Bryan Shearer also commented that the mill has been in contact with us from the start. Friday this really should take care of the problem.

New Business

Ordinance 963-2021 (Additional Appropriations)

Ordinance 963-2021 allows for additional appropriations for Police Radios in the amount of \$12,100 and Parking Lot Sealing at the Rec Center in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion to approve Ordinance 963-2021 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 963-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 963-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Acknowledgement of Fund Report and Bank Rec

Members acknowledged receiving both reports.

Claim Registers – APV #63144-63210

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mill

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Martin Street project is going well. They are still laying the pipe.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Windows are starting to go in at the station. Parts of the roof is being installed but the roofing material has been delayed. When it comes in they will get it installed so that inside projects can be completed.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Installing a hydrant at the trailer court on Martin Street tomorrow while the street is under construction.
- The lines for the Granite Ridge second phase are ready to hook up.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Cleaning lines on Martin Street while it is closed.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Finished baseball last week. Football sign up start August 9
- Second COVID Vaccination clinic is set for August 2 at the Rec Center.
- Trying to keep up with grass. We mow over 80 acres of park each week.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Inquiring into the capital plan and funding for engineering for the fire station remodel. It was not included in the original capital plan. Asked Chris to get an estimate from the engineer to see if we can work it into the budget.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Getting ready to get the budgets completed. Meeting with DLGF is August 17.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Looking at the food truck ordinance and will try to get to you soon.
- Approached by Ruth Stultz Nursery School. They would like to build a new building. They got info too late for a funding request to the Hagen Foundation for their June meeting. The building is on city property. Would like the council to think about what they would like to do. The school likes the location. The mayor indicated that the County EDC is doing an early learning study and may be willing to help with cost of building the new center.

Ken Schuman asked if the drawing they came to us with for the building a couple of years ago is still the same.

Mayor Fisel stated the position they wanted to use on the property caused issues with the infrastructure because water and sewer lines are under where they wanted to place the new structure.

It was suggested that their board members come and do a presentation to the council again with their new building placement and plan. Mayor Fisel will contact them and ask them to attend.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor