

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, August 23, 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 August 9, 2021

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Website Update

Information regarding the Indiana Department of Technology Local Government Initiative for revision of the city website was distributed to members. There is no cost to transform the site over to the state platform. We qualify for the small site as we are under 75 pages. There is an annual cost of \$1200. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn and IT/Facilities Director Gary Cox have met virtually with the team and are recommending approval to begin the site update which will be ADA (Section 508) compliant. The current site is over 10 years old.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Julie Bell

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ruth Stultz Pre-School

They advised that they are not ready tonight. Hope to be ready next month.

Wright Street Cul-de-sac

Council met in executive session to consider the purchase of a .2-acre parcel of land on back of the nursing home to create a cul-de-sac at the end of Wright Street for the plow truck to turn around. This has become an issue since there are now homes in the previous turn around.

Motion to pursue the purchase of the land for a cul-de-sac and offer the appraised value of \$8500, and to name Mayor Fisel as the person to sign all documents related to the purchase for the city: Ken Schuman

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

City Attorney Clouse will proceed with his contact in Maryland to pursue the purchase.

Claim Registers – APV # 63320-63429

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Bay to Brooklyn, a bicycle trip from California to New York to commemorate the 9-11 anniversary will stop through Ligonier on Saturday. The fire department will host them and have a dinner. Feel free to stop down.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Pulver is progressing Martin Street. The pipe work is completed. Curbs will be next.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Police Officers went through the workplace physical agility yesterday. About 75% of the full-time officers have completed the testing and 100% passed. We will complete in November. The officers get one paid day for the testing.
- Reserve car, a 2004 Crown Vic needs to be replaced. We are getting numbers around to cycle a pool car to the reserves and purchase a new pool car.
- The first annual police and fire softball game on Saturday was a lot of fun. Was good getting the police and fire and families together.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- With the striping done, the two basketball courts are finished at Kenney and Madden Parks.
- Another vandalism incident occurred at Kenney Park. Someone walking the track called to report.
- Rec Center closing for three weeks on Sept 25 for the gym floor replacement – 25-year warranty
- There is a blood drive at the Rec Center on September 3.
- Flag-football sign ups are extended until August 30.
- City hall received a call regarding horse manure on the trail along the at the river. If you notice, let us know.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Attended a couple of meetings regarding solar. One with the county – writing ordinances they want to put in place. They will have ready to go at their next meeting. We can then fine tune to fit our city. At this point we only have set back requirements. Huntington University had a seminar on solar panels. They are all reclaimable/recyclable but only two sites available for recycling.
- Housing at Park Meadow is moving along. They are working on the next new A
- A storage facility is going in behind the Super Wash.

Council Members Bill Mills and Chris Fought

- Question – capital plan 5 years. Asked about how to get the Fire Station put into the plan. Meet at the beginning of the year.
- There was discussion of the future use of the Fire Station. Find a use for the building that will allow for use for the community. Whoever leases could rent for events, etc. Discussion – City cannot manage it – whoever leases it would have to take the requests and upkeep.

Council Member Chris Fought

- A lot of streetlights are out on Union, Martin, Grand Streets.
- Can we have trash cans downtown? Request from residents. We will discuss at department head meeting and the RDC meeting.

City Attorney Steve Clouse

- Food truck ordinance – working on an initial draft. We have a local active food truck who is permitting as they roll out with Hawker-Peddler’s statute. Can draw the ordinance but have questions:
 - Who will issue the permits – Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn said her office could do this.
 - What type of charges – Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Annual
 - Where to allow or disallow them on public property
 - Time restrictions
- Would like council members to consider and email him with their thoughts to continue with the ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Met with the DLGF on the budget. The forms were sent to council members. The Form 3 is ready to advertise unless there are any requested changes. Members indicate they have no requests.

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- Good to talk about the fire station – good we talk about the food truck. Involving the citizens in what we do is a good thing. Good to reach out into the community to get their ideas and thoughts up front. Kudos to you and your efforts.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Bill Mills



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor