

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 27, 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, and Julia Bell
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Bill Mills

Minutes from previous meeting of September 13, 2021

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Dan Stuckman of West Noble Waste Recovery LLC, Industrial Park – Pennington Way & Heckner Drive

Mr. Stuckman spoke about his new business, a waste transfer station, focusing recycling waste and pulling out valuable recycling. Because the community is so far from disposal sites he wanted to consolidate small loads from individuals, contracts, other haulers and be able to give the option to the community. His IDEM permit was secured. He has been using the facility for the past few weeks for training of employees. He hopes to open to the public in November. Homeowners can come in with loads by car, truck, trailer. Costs will be based on weight, seven cents per pound up to 1000 pounds, then 60.00 per ton. You will pay for only what you have with no minimum charge. Will take electronics and refrigerators with freon but no hazardous materials – no full paint cans – no asbestos. Appreciate the assistance of the city and city employees.

New Business

Domestic Violence Proclamation

Noble County Prosecutor Jim Mowry asked Mayor Fisel to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The proclamation was signed and presented to Mr. Mowry.

Eric Murray, Deputy Prosecutor in charge of prosecuting Domestic Violence and Ashleigh Schalinske, Domestic Violence Advocate were also present and spoke about the events they will hold to provide awareness to victims of what resources are available and reassure them that domestic violence cases are being prosecuted.

Resolution 0927-2021 (Transfer of Funds)

Due to a change order, it is necessary to transfer additional funds for the Stormwater Separation Project from Stormwater (620) to Stormwater Grant (636) in the amount of \$3,143.40.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Water Bond Ordinance 966-2021

The process has begun for the funding of the Water Department projects on the capital plan. The bond ordinance was available for the first reading. Since the Water Department has a bond which will be paid off in March 2022, the new bond will not require a rate adjustment.

***Motion to approve Water Bond Ordinance 966-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes***

Trick or Treat Discussion

In 2012, council voted to hold Trick or Treat on October 31st from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm every year. The reason was to have consistency from year to year, and not always have people questioning. Most neighboring towns hold it on the 31st and this would help to keep people in their own communities and avoid overwhelming our residents.

Chief Shearer asked the council to reconsider and hold Trick or Treat on the Thursday before Halloween each year as there is less traffic and staffing the streets with police officers is easier on a Thursday as opposed possible weekend times when their call volume is higher. Discussion led to the following.

Motion to make it the Thursday before every year: Julie Bell Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 63587-63676

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Julie Ball Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Waiting on Garcia, the concrete sub-contractor, to come in to do the curbs on Martin Street.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Oct 9 Public Safety Day and Touch a Truck at Fashion Farm from 11:00 -4:00. Great day for the city. Able to talk to the residents. The Police K-9 will be also there.
- Noble County Health Department Strike Team will be hosting a mobile COVID vaccination and testing clinic at Kenney Park from 12:00 – 8:00 Friday, October 1 and Saturday October 2.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- The contractor started the replacement floor at the Rec Center today. The gym and weight room will be for about three weeks during construction.
- Flag football ends this week.
- Farmer's Market closes on October 9 and the restrooms will be closed after that.
- Another disc golf tournament will be held at the end of the month.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Respect Bryan's opinion on public safety and ultimately, he is responsible for the safety of the kids.

Council President Ken Schuman

- Used to live on Main Street. Had around 500 kids and was overwhelmed. Keeping a consistent date makes it easier for people.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The Budget Ordinance and Water Bond Ordinance will need to be passed at the next meeting.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- We agreed to increase the Noble County EDC \$10,000 beginning in 2022. Would like to increase to \$5,000 in this year if possible since they have been doing a good job with assisting Ligonier. Discussion led to the following.

Motion to approve and allow Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn to identify the source of funding: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

- Solar is coming. We need to pay attention to what they are doing. The state will have an ordinance. The communities may be stricter than the state ordinance. We have a copy of the county draft ordinance. Earle Franklin has been going to the meetings. He is saying we need to pay attention to the county and adopt a similar ordinance.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Barbara J. S.

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

John

Patricia Fisel, Mayor