

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 27, 2023 · Ligonier City Hall**  
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Call to order by Council President Ken Schuman**

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Members Ken Schuman, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Matt Kreager,  
City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn  
Present Via Zoom: Council Member Chris Fought and Mayor Patty Fisel

**Minutes from previous meeting of February 13, 2023**

**Motion to approve: Matt Kreager      Second: Julia Bell**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**New Business**

**Resolution 986A-2023 – Approving Fiscal Plan for Annexation**

Resolution 986A-2023 approves the Fiscal Plan for Annexation. The plan includes the area description, non-capital services, capital improvements, fiscal impact, assumed indebtedness, estimated assessed value and tax rate impact, summary of additional costs due to annexation, parcel list, map, and legal description of annexation area.

**Motion to approve: Ken Schuman      Second: Matt Kreager**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**Ordinance 986-2023 – Annexation**

Ordinance 986-2023 approves and adopts the annexation of property south of the city on the east side of SR5/US33. There are two tracts of land. The first tract contains 18.27 acres owned by John Coussen and the second tract contains 27.59 acres owned by the Community Foundation of Noble County.

**Motion to pass Ordinance 986-2023 on the first reading: Ken Schuman   Second: Doretta Wiegand**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman      Second: Matt Kreager**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**Motion to pass Ordinance 986-2023 on the second reading: Ken Schuman      Second: Matt Kreager**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**Motion to pass Ordinance 986-2023 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman      Second: Matt Kreager**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**Ed Rodriguez – La Voz Unida (Regarding Senate Bill 248)**

Mr. Rodriguez from Plymouth, along with a large group of supporters from La Voz Unida, attended to ask the council to support Senate Bill 248 by passing a resolution to be forwarded to the state legislature. The bill would allow a Driving Record Card, which undocumented Indiana residents, after meeting certain criteria and passing a driving test, could obtain authorization to drive. They feel the bill would ensure that all drivers on Indiana roads are trained, insured, and identifiable by law enforcement. Currently 19 states allow undocumented residents to apply for a license or special certification to drive.

**Motion to support the Driving Record Card and have City Attorney Jack Birch prepare a resolution for the next council meeting: Ken Schuman      Second: Matt Kreager**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

**Encumbrances forwarded from 2022 to 2023**

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn provided council members with a list of purchase orders from 2022 for projects which were not able to be completed by the end of the year for which the appropriations were encumbered to 2023.

**Claim Registers – APV # 67404-67489**

**Motion to approve: Julia Bell      Second: Doretta Wiegand**  
**Roll Call Vote   Ken Schuman - Aye   Chris Fought - Aye   Doretta Wiegand – Aye**  
**Matt Kreager - Aye   Julia Bell – Aye**

### **Chief Shearer 2022 Police Report**

Chief Shearer presented the 2022 Police Department Annual Report. He highlighted events the officers participated in along with the number and type of calls they took for 2022. Ed Rodriguez translated the presentation into Spanish for the audience.

### **Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

#### **WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- We received the \$700,000 OCRA Grant for improvements at the Wastewater Plant

#### **Council Member Matt Kreager**

- Appreciate the attendance. You can always come to our meetings.

#### **Council Member Chris Fought**

- Thank you to the guests for coming and for their prayer for Mayor Patty.

#### **Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

- Thank you for coming

#### **Council Member Julia Bell**

- Thank you for coming

#### **Council President Ken Schuman**

- Thank you for coming. This is a problem that I am happy this is being addressed now. Do not give up if it does not pass this year. Commented that he feels sure it will be passed eventually.

#### **Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Thank you for coming


#### **City Attorney Jack Birch**

- Very happy that this project is being presented to communities. Feel certain it will get support and move forward.

### **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Matt Kreager*

*Second: Doretta Wiegand*

  
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
Patricia Fisel, Mayor

**Purchase Order History**

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All History

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PO Batch - POs Forwarded from 2022

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Exclude Pending APVs

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11232022-0	PO:11232022-00001.000	11/30/2022	2209001336.000	446 - Flock Group Inc	License Plate Scanning System	3200.00 ENC	3200.00	Y		Y		Open
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11232022-0	PO:11232022-00001.000	11/30/2022	2209001336.000	446 - Flock Group Inc	License Plate Scanning System	2500.00 ENC	0.00	Y		Y		Open
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20221214-0	PO:20221214-00001.000	12/14/2022	1101003493.000	449 - BTS - Best Technology	Police Department Firing Range	6000.00 ENC	6000.00	Y		Y		Open
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