

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Call to order Public Hearing for Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund Reestablishment
by Council President Ken Schuman**

Proper notice regarding the city’s intention to reestablish the Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund was given. The tax will be levied on all taxable real and personal property within the taxing district and will not exceed \$0.0500 per \$100 of assessed valuation beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.

No comments were received by the Clerk-Treasurer prior to the hearing. Having no comments from the public in attendance, the hearing was closed.

Call to order Common Council Meeting 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
Absent: Council Member Chris Fought and Mayor Patty Fisel

Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2023 and the Special Meeting of March 21, 2023

Motion to approve: Doretta Wiegand Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Ashleigh Schalinski from the Noble County Prosecutors Office asked the Mayor to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. She and Prosecutor Jim Mowry were present at the meeting. Ken Schuman read the proclamation to the audience. Prosecutor Mowry stated they are trying to increase education and awareness. The numbers are down from 2021 to 2022. He thanked the city for their support and continued efforts.

Ordinance 987-2023 Reestablishing Cumulative Capital Development (CCD) Fund

Ordinance 987-2023 reestablishes the CCD Fund to \$0.0500 per \$100 of assessed valuation (the maximum allowed by the state)-beginning with taxes payable in 2024 and thereafter, continuing until reduced or rescinded.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 987-2023 on the first reading: Matt Kreager
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

Motion to suspend the rules: Matt Kreager Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

***Motion to pass Ordinance 987-2023 on the second reading: Matt Kreager
Second: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 987-2023 on the third and final reading: Matt Kreager
Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes***

Fountain Advisory Committee Update

The Fountain Advisory Committee met and brainstormed ideas for the look of the new fountain. Matt Kreager did a rough sketch and provided photos of each of the components, adding in the designs the committee wanted to incorporate. He has been in contact with the manufacturer who will take the rough sketch and provide a professional sketch for us. Jason Becker of Countryscapes explained the features to the council and audience. Positive comments were made, and we will proceed with the request for the professional sketch prior to production.

Claim Registers – APV # 67633-67715

Motion to approve: Julia Bell Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Mike Burdette

- Six dead trees in the right of way were taken down at owner’s requests. We will be trimming other trees that need maintenance.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- The NASRO (National Association of School Resource Officers) conference is in Indianapolis this year. Our department applied for model agency status. Thirteen departments will be selected. Both of the City’s SRO’s and members of the command staff will be attending the conference.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Work on the North Water Tower will begin on Monday. The project is expected to last about a month.

Park Director John Parrish

- Outdoor sports start this week beginning with soccer. Looking forward to it.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Final inspection at Ligtel will be this week. There are a few minor details to complete, but nothing that will hold up the move in.
- We started the process of working with Star of the West with their major expansion. The BZA will hold a public hearing on April 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm for a variance.

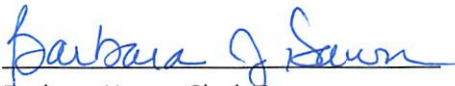
Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The Sewage Bond sale was on March 23, 2023. Three bids were received with the bid going to Robert W. Baird. The interest rate is 4.14%, close to the budget 3.98%. Baker Tilly was pleased with the results. The good faith deposit was received, and bond closing is April 6, 2023.

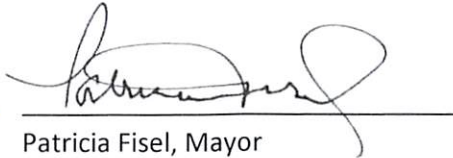
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Matt Kreager

Second: Ken Schuman



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor