

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, May 8, 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, Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Matt Kreager
City Attorney Jack Birch, and Deputy Clerk Robin Galloway
Absent: Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of April 24, 2023

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes

New Business

CF-1 Forms

West Noble Waste Recovery

Daniel Stuckman sent a letter along with his CF-1 explaining the difference between his estimated numbers for employees and salaries and the actuals. He believes 2023 shows promise for improvement. He appreciates the abatement granted and respectfully asked that the council finds him in compliance.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

Infinite Resources

Infinite Resources provided CF-1 forms for their abatement. The number of employees and salaries exceed the estimates.

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes

WTL Properties

WTL Properties provided CF-1 forms for their abatement. This will be the last year of the abatement for the property they lease to Tenneco. Salaries exceeded the estimate.

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

Resolution 0508A-2023 (AME Abatement Correction of New Machinery Cost)

Advance Metal Etching contacted the city regarding the abatement we approved last year. There was an issue obtaining the equipment originally specified in the abatement due to issues with the vendor. They have since found a new supplier, at a higher equipment cost. Because we capped the amount at the cost of the original equipment, it is necessary to pass a resolution which will offer abatement for the increased cost. Resolution 0608A-2023 addresses the price increase.

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 67895-67979

Motion to approve: Matt Kreager Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The new ladder truck will be delivered next week.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Saw the new ladder truck at FDIC with his dad. Seeing the truck with the other firefighters, everyone was so proud. Prompts to Jeremy for all his insight in making this fire truck the great truck it is. People don't realize how much RDC does for this city. Thank you to the RDC for everything they do and foresight of the founders to see the benefits to the future. We, the city, have accomplished so much with the RDC.
- Drones proved to be a great asset during the Kendallville active shooter event. The smaller drones were able to gain access. We will be adding three smaller drones with our drone budget.
- NASRO, National Association of School Resource Officers, presented a letter of recognition to Christopher Shearer and the Ligonier Police Department as a recipient of the 2023 NASRO Model Agency. The award will be presented at the 2023 NASRO National School Safety Conference in Indianapolis in June. Ken Schuman offered his thanks to them.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The North Water Tower is completely done. They will be coming back to put Ligonier on the opposite side of the logo on the south tower since the logo is so small.
- We are over half-way on the Main Street lead line replacement project. Approximately 75% of the lines so far have been lead. This project will remove all of the lead lines. We are keeping track of everything such as bills and materials in hopes that we will be able to receive financial assistance.

Park Director John Parrish

- We have been working on Splash Pad. We discovered a lot of leaks under the concrete. Wanted to publicly thank the Water Department Staff and Park Staff for their help with the Splash Pad problems. We will hire a contractor to finish the concrete work.
- Thank you to the Street Department for grinding the tree stumps in Kenney Park and to Bryan who helped with some of John's responsibilities.

Building Administrator Earle Franklin

- Inspection was completed on the demolition of the Noble County Community Foundation building and getting the hole filled in where the house was. House went down very fast.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Commented that if anyone has not had a chance to use West Noble Waste Recovery, it is an awesome facility and an asset for the community to be able to get rid of unused items in their home.

Council Member Julia Bell

- Proud of all of you.

Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- The SROs deserve a lot of congratulations.

City Attorney Jack Birch

- Congratulations to the City's SRO's.

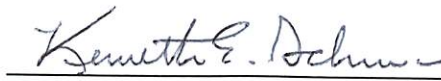
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Matt Kreager

Second: Chris Fought



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Ken Schuman, Council President