

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 12, 2023 · Ligonier City Hall**  
**301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin**

**Roll Call**

Present: Council Members Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Matt Kreager  
Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Deputy Clerk Robin Galloway  
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Minutes from previous meeting of May 22, 2023**

*Motion to approve: Chris Fought      Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes*

**New Business**

**Elkhart Township Fire Contract Renewal Discussion**

Elkhart Township Trustee Donna Swartz was present and asked the council to consider renewing the Elkhart Township Fire Contract with no increase over the next four years and that is not possible, she would like them to consider two years with no increases. They are working to keep costs down as they do not wish to raise taxes. Our contract has increased 2.5% per year over the past three years, but the runs have remained relatively the same. She stated that Ligonier has the highest fire contract they have.

*Motion to approve proceeding with a two year contract with no increase for Elkhart Township: Julia Bell*  
*Second: Doretta Weigand      Vote: All Ayes*

**Ordinance 990-2023 (Cross Connection Control – Water Dept.)**

Ordinance 990-2023 addresses protection of the public water system of the city from contamination due to backflow of contaminants through the water service connection into the public water system.

Chris Fought asked if this would give us the ability to check for apartments in the front buildings

*Motion to table until next meeting to gather more information: Chris Fought*  
*Second Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes*

**Claim Registers – APV # 68135-68309**

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

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- We are participating in the bicycle give away again this year and are planning on giving away 20 bicycles. The first donor came in today and wants to be involved every year. The bikes are given shortly after the kids go back to school.
- Countyscapes was here cleaning up the City Hall gardens, and everything looks great.

**Park Director John Parrish**

- The splash pad has been operating for two weeks with no problems.
- Baseball season is up and running.

**Building Administrator**

- Contacting folks who haven't gotten their properties cleaned up since having fires in town. We are trying not to put too much pressure on them as they have already gone through a lot. One homeowner is getting quotes to have the building torn down. One homeowner had no insurance.

**Council Member Chris Fought**

- Chris inquired about the water project on Main Street and its completion date. Jeff Boyle said it is not yet completed but are close. one.

**City Attorney Jack Birch**

- The proposed Commerce Drive dedications have been drafted and ready for owner signatures.


**Mayor Earle Franklin**

- Thanks to the Police Department for helping John Parrish in the Park. There was a person doing some vandalism in restrooms.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Matt Kreager      Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes*

  
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
Earle Franklin, Mayor