

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 24, 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
Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of July 10, 2023

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Daric Weimer – Future Ligonier Alliance (Main Street Ligonier)

About a year and a half ago expressed interest in a community manager. Working with Lori Gagen of the Noble County EDC, she felt that instead of city providing this position, we should use the Future Ligonier Alliance (FLA), reform the 501C3 group, and have a position through FLA. As of two months ago, the FLA is in good standing with IRS and State of IN. They are moving forward to join Indiana Main Street with OCRA. The first step is a name change. Going forward the organization will be FLA DBA as Main Street Ligonier. They will be focusing on the area between Ligtel to the Liquor Store on Cavin Street and a few buildings on Main Street. The officers are as follows: Daric Weimer President, David Cisney VP, Chera Nelson Secretary, and Lori Cunningham Treasurer.

It is not the intent of Main Street Ligonier to step on city's toes but to be a support organization. A fundraising event will be held downtown in September with Food Trucks and live music. There are a few hurdles to overcome but they are working with Police Chief Bryan Shearer and Mayor Earle Franklin to run the event safely and within city guidelines.

Council Members thanked Daric and Mayor Earle Franklin stated it is good to see the community come together again with new faces and new ideas.

Martin Street Manor Garage Sale

The apartment complex wants to allow their residents to have a garage sale on the lawn next to the complex. The question of permit charge came up and the council was asked for their interpretation of the code. It was determined that a permit fee of \$5.00 for the complex should be assessed.

Chris Fought commented that The Plan Commission found that they would like to remove the garage sale verbiage from the zoning ordinance and let the council determine how garage sales should be handled. The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing at their next meeting regarding the zoning ordinance change.

Tree Planting

With all of the storm damage and tree removal, we need to plant trees. There is \$5000 in the park budget and \$5000 in the city budget.

Motion to pursue a plan for tree planting: Chris Fought

Second: Julie Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Chris Fought will make the initial contact Jason Becker of Countryscapes.

Claim Registers – APV # 68534-68636

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Staff has been busy cleaning up from the recent storm damage.
- Took down three trees for the 50-50 sidewalk program as they were in the way of the replacement.
- Staff is doing the annual painting of curbs and crosswalks prior to the start of school.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Update on the Noble County Community Foundation project at the former City Hall/Fire Station. They are hoping construction will be done this Thursday. They will be ready to move as soon as construction is completed. They will start moving a few items this week and store them in the garage bays until they can move into the offices. The signage logos have been installed on the front doors and windows. They will be hosting an Open House on August 15.
- Will be working with John Parrish and meeting with a group of Hispanic residents regarding the Mexican Independence Day Celebration that will be held in Kenney Park again this year. Will get a game plan set up for both them and us. The event will be held September 15.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Pulver will do the street patching on Main Street this week. They will return after Labor Day to do the complete Main Street paving project.

Park Director John Parrish

- Kenney Park had some damage after the last storm. Working to get everything cleaned up.
- We took three dead trees down in Kenney Park.

Building Inspector Elroy Mast

- There is a lot to learn in the new position.

City Engineer John Nelson

- Introduced Ashley Miller, a new employee of Triad who will be working as the Business Development and CAD.

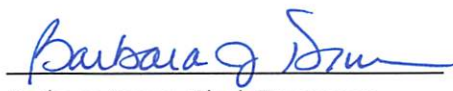
Mayor Earle Franklin

- Had a meeting with Forest River and the excavator working on clearing the property they are purchasing on Perry Road. We discussed what we need to do to keep that in motion and a weed control program until the construction begins.
- Will be out this Friday to attend a Mayor's Round Table in Columbia City and to visit Triad in Indianapolis.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Ken Schuman



Barbara Hawm, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor