

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, August 28, 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 Additional Appropriations**

Mayor Franklin called the public hearing for Additional Appropriations to order. The additional appropriations are necessary due to adjustments to the comprehensive budget plan. As there were no comments from the public, Mayor Franklin asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

**Motion to close the public hearing: Ken Schuman                      Second: Matt Kreager                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Call to order – Common Council Meeting**

Mayor Franklin called the Common Council Meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

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

**Minutes from previous meeting of August 14, 2023**

**Motion to approve: Ken Schuman                      Second: Julia Bell                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Citizens Comments**

**Name & Address: Charles Porter, 106 North Martin Street**

Mr. Porter had a complaint about the event center at 200 Lincolnway West and the loud music. He feels the noise ordinance should take care of the music being stopped and would like it taken care of. The bass is so strong it shakes the windows in his home. He has spoken to Chief Shearer in the past. He called to have an officer dispatched two weeks ago. The officer did speak with the party at the event center and the music stopped for about an hour but then started up again.

Chief Shearer stated there is normally an officer there in attendance. The night in question was very hot and they opened the doors of the building, making the music louder outside. There was another event last weekend, the doors were kept shut, and there were no complaints.

**Name & Address: Darrel Donat, 108 North Martin Street**

Mr. Donat also complained about the music at 200 Lincolnway West two weekends ago. He called 911 at 11:57 for an officer to show up. He said the music boomed until 1:00 am.

Chief Shearer and Mayor Franklin will meet with the owner to see what can be done.

**New Business**

**Ordinance 991-2023 (Additional Appropriations)**

Ordinance 991-2023 allowing the following additional appropriations was submitted for approval.

CEDIT Other Services and Charges – Engineering	69,000
CEDIT Capital Outlays –Fire Alarm System	15,000
CEDIT Other Services and Charges – Computer Equipment	25,000

**Motion to pass ordinance 991-2023 on the first reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Julia Bell                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman  
Second: Doretta Wiegand                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Motion to pass ordinance 991-2023 on the second reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Matt Kreager                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Motion to pass ordinance 991-2023 on third and final reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Matt Kreager                      Vote: All Ayes**

**Claim Registers – APV # 68813-68895**

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

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Getting ready for the festival

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Finishing up the 50-50 sidewalk program for 2023. Four homeowners participated this year.
- Getting everything cleaned up for the festival.

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

- Preparing for the festival. There will be music outside in two locations, at Kenney Park Friday night and downtown Saturday and Sunday.
- October 14 will be Public Safety Day at Fashion Farm during Pumpkin Fantasyland.
- Thanks John Parrish and his park crew for their yard work to take care of code violations.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- Getting ready for the pre-bid meeting on the Wastewater Improvement Project.

**Park Director John Parrish**

- We have been very busy in the parks this season; park rentals have been very busy this year.
- We have been repairing concrete in the park. The stoop at the Rec Center was completed and work at the concession stand will be done next week.
- Mike Burdette has been in contact with INDOT regarding their millings from the highways for around the drive at the park. We feel this will be better than the gravel
- Park personnel are preparing for the festival.
- Have a crew trying to fit the Woodlawn park roof repair into their schedule.
- We are on Niblock's schedule for first part of October for the installation of the pickleball courts.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- The State Board of Accounts will begin the audit of 2021-2022 tomorrow, August 29.
- The Fall Citywide Garage Sales are Friday, September 8 and Saturday, September 9.
- The Fall City Clean Up is Saturday, September 16 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Mayor Earle Franklin**

- Attended the AIM conference in French Lick. Some very good information.
- There are three burned out homes in the city. We have been patient with the homeowners who have been dealing with their insurance companies. We put things into place today to get this moving.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Matt Kreager   Vote: All Ayes*



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor