

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, September 11, 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 – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations**

The public hearing was advertised to appropriate the annual spending of funds from the GO Bond of 2020. It was recommended by our financial advisors that we do annual appropriations for the funds even though we had a blanket ordinance for appropriations at the time of the bond closing. As there were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

**Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin – Common Council Meeting**

**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 August 28, 2023**

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

**New Business**

**Melanie Kellogg – Noble County Economic Development Corp.**

Melanie Kellogg, Director of Noble County Economic Development (Be Noble) was present to give an update on the projects they are working on.

**Ordinance 992-2023 (Additional Appropriations)**

Ordinance 992-2023 allowing for the spending of the GO Bonds of 2020 funds in the amount of \$585,300 was available for passage.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 992-2023 on the first reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman                      Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 992-2023 on the second reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 992-2023 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

**Ordinance 994-2023 (Salary Ordinance for 2024)**

The salary ordinance for employees and appointed officers of the city for 2024 was available for passage.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 994-2023 on the first reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman                      Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

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Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 994-2023 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

**Ordinance 995-2023 (Elected Salary Ordinance for 2024)**

The salary ordinance for elected officials of the city for 2024 was available for passage.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 995-2023 on the first reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman                      Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 995-2023 on the second reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 995-2023 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman  
Second: Chris Fought                      Vote: All Ayes*

#### **Park Dept. – Tree Replacement**

The city currently has \$5,000 in the CEDIT budget designated for tree replacement. The parks department would like to use these funds, in addition to the \$5,000 they have in their budget, to replace trees in Woodlawn and Kenney Park.

*Motion to approve: Chris Fought*

*Second: Ken Fought*

*Vote: All Ayes*

#### **Claim Registers – APV # 68896-69006**

*Motion to approve: Matt Kreager*

*Second: Julia Bell*

*Vote: All Ayes*

#### **Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

##### **Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Thanks to depts for help with the festival clean up and thanks to Charger House for breakfast.
- Pulver started today on Main Street ADA ramps.
- Young Services if finishing up on the 50-50 sidewalks.
- Fall Clean up this Saturday at the Wastewater Dept. from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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

- Happy to report that we had a successful Marshmallow Festival with no police issues.
- On September 20 at 6:00 pm at West Noble Primary, we will have the second annual Bikes for the Kids giveaway in conjunction with the Dan and Leigh Dakich Foundation. Twenty kids will receive bikes. The SRO's and school administration nominated the kids. The city's contribution of \$5,000 was raised through donations from local businesses and residents.
- Public Safety Day at Fashion Farm is Saturday, October 14. All depts display the vehicles. Our police dog will also be there.
- The Mexican Independence Day Celebration will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023 4pm to 10pm. They will use our parade route, reversed to Kenney Park. There will be food, dance and fireworks.
- Our first accreditation assessment is scheduled for mid to late October.
- The Noble County Prosecutor provided the department with \$6,000 to cover the cost of three drones.

##### **Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- We had prisoners from Chain O'Lakes at the foundry building for power washing of the building. When the power washing is completed, they will paint the building.

##### **WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- We have been working on few issues on the main street that popped up prior to the paving.

##### **Park Director John Parrish**

- We have been keeping very busy with projects in the parks. We are very blessed to have the parks we have in our community. Spoke with a friend whose daughter wants to move to Ligonier because of the park system.
- Ligonier Evangelical Church had 25 people do a service project in Kenney Park. They scraped the paint on the picnic tables and painted them and picked rocks out of the sand volleyball court.
- Thank you to all of you. Have been here for 11 months and am thankful and appreciative for all of the assistance from everyone.

##### **City Engineer John Nelson**

- We will be meeting with Niblock to coordinate the project at SR5 and Union.
- The Main Street has started .
- We held a pre-bid meeting for the wastewater project last week.
- For the Commerce Drive Project, Rick Pharis took the easements and right of way to the county to be recorded today.

##### **Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- The audit of 2021-2022 is in progress. The auditor sent a questionnaire to all board members. Please complete it as soon as possible. The audit should be completed around October 2.

##### **Mayor Earle Franklin**

- Thanks to Barb Hawn for record keeping. The auditors stated that most things are easily assessable. and
- Thank the departments for their hard work during the festival. Heard good comments from people.
- Will be attending the Mayor's Roundtable this month at Huntington University.

#### **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*    *Vote: All Ayes*



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor