

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 25, 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 2024 Budget

The 2024 budget was properly advertised on the Indiana Gateway. The public was invited to comment. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations

With the assistance of a local foundation, we were able to schedule the installation of the pickle ball courts this fall instead of next year. We therefore needed to add the funds to this year's budget through additional appropriation. 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 September 11, 2023

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

New Business

Noble County Prosecutor's Office – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Noble County Prosecutor Jim Mowry and members of his team were in attendance and asked the mayor to proclaim October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The mayor presented a proclamation to Prosecutor Mowry.

Margarita White and PULSE Group

Margarita White and student members of P.U.L.S.E. of Noble County, the youth philanthropic arm of the Community Foundation of Noble County addressed the council. The group's goal is to broaden youth horizons through philanthropy education. The student group would like to use the bays at the old fire station on Trick or Treat night for activities for children which promote being drug free.

***Motion to approve the use of the old fire station building bays for the P.U.L.S.E. group: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 993-2023 – City Budget for 2024

Ordinance 993-2023 is the 2024 budget for the city. It was available for the first reading.

***Motion to approve Ordinance 993-2023 on the first reading: Ken Schuman
Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes***

Ordinance 996-2023 – Additional Appropriations

Ordinance 996-2023 approves the additional appropriations from the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the amount of \$65,000 for Pickle Ball Courts.

***Motion to approve Ordinance 996-2023 on the first reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

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

***Motion to approve Ordinance 996-2023 on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 996-2023 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes***

Resolution 0925-2023 – Revised ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Spending Plan

Resolution 0925-2023 is a revised spending plan for the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The city previously determined that funding would be used as revenue replacement. The revised plan put all funds into the category without specifying an exact amount for each project. The city will use the guidelines of the comprehensive financial plan to designate projects.

***Motion to approve the revised ARP Spending Plan, Resolution 0925-2023: Ken Schuman
Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes***

Claim Registers – APV # 69007-69104

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

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The Police and Fire Departments will have their annual softball game at Kenney Park on Sunday, October 1. This will be a fund raiser for the food pantry with admission being non-perishable foods.
- The Fire Department will have a Pork Burger sale at Kenney Park on October 3.
- The Aerial Fire Truck will be dedicated and put into service on Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 am.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Pulver should be here this week to install the ADA ramps on Main Street.
- We have mounted the brackets for the additional Christmas Decorations and are waiting on the electrical to be installed.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Police and Fire Departments had the Bike for Kids giveaway at WN Primary last week. Twenty kids from WN received new bikes, helmets and locks.
- October 14 is Safety Day at Pumpkin Fantasyland.
- The green light in the stop light that is out on Cavin Street has been reported.
- The recycle center is being used. There is some abuse. We had a conversation with Solid Waste, and they sent crew to clean up the area. Would like to see the cameras and signs installed. Gary Cox commented that he did not believe there is a good way to get cameras up with no electricity. We will look into this further.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- There are four more digs to be completed for lead lines on Sixth Street.
- Young Services is in town doing concrete repairs for us.
- The Chain O'Lakes crew started the building painting and will be back to do the second coat.
- Dixon Engineering did the one year inspection on the south tower. There was some delamination of paint. This is under warranty and will be repaired. To do so, we will need to take the tower down for a about a week.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- The new aerial truck was set up at the Wastewater Plant for training and water flow testing. In doing so, we were able to have the tank rinsed out.
- We are getting ready for the October 9 repair of the manhole on SR 5 at Union Street. SR5 and a portion of Union Street will be closed for the day and then again on October 12 to complete the repair.

Park Director John Parrish

- We are finishing the repairs at the concessions stand in Kenney Park.
- The steel for the three-sided shelter is here and the roof will be installed this week.
- We will begin the tree planting in the next couple of weeks.

IT Director Gary Cox

- We have begun the public Wi-Fi and hot spot project in Kenney Park.

Council Member Matt Kreager

- Received photos of the new fountain for Triangle Park. The photos were shared with the council and members of the audience. The bottom pool is 18 feet, the first bowl is 7 feet, and the fountain is 12 feet high. It will take about 6 weeks to get here. Will start the plumbing in the next few weeks.

Council Member Chris Fought

- The Community Survey sponsored by Mainstreet Ligonier has not received the number of responses the organization would like. Please take time to respond to the survey. The link will be shared to the city Facebook page.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The council needs to appoint a replacement to the Plan Commission for Earle Franklin. It was suggested that Elroy Mast be named his replacement.

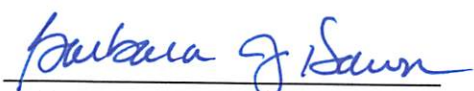
Motion to appoint Elroy Mast to the Plan Commission: Chris Fought Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor