Ligonier Common Council Meeting Monday, February 12, 2024 · Ligonier City Hall 301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Council President Chris Fought

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Chris Fought, Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, and David Cisney

City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Mayor Earle Franklin and Council Member Matt Kreager

Minutes from previous meeting of January 29, 2024

Motion to approve: David Cisney Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Additional Purchase to Encumber from 2023 to 2024

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn provided information on an additional purchase order to encumber from 2023 to 2024. The phone system for the Police Department was installed in December 2023, but was not billed until January 2024. The total amount of the encumbrance is \$9,700 for the project.

Ordinance 1006-2024 (Garage-Yard Sale Amendment)

Based on the discussion at the last meeting, City Attorney Birch prepared an amendment to the Garage-Yard Sale ordinance. Ordinance 1006-2024 was presented for consideration.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1006-2024 on the first reading: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to Suspend the Rules: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1006-2024 on the second reading: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1006-2024 on the third and final reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

The ordinance will take effect 30 days after publication.

Claim Registers - APV # 69964-70104

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Street Sweeper has been serviced and a new broom installed. When the weather stays above freezing we will get out and start sweeping the streets.
- David Pena passed his test and now has his CDL.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

Our January reports indicated increased water usage and we were working to find the cause. We found a leak at Pigeon and Water Streets, but this was not the major cause. We were finally able to locate the major leak at the end of last week by doing a one by one shut off at the four river crossings and found the one near the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Woodlawn Park Garage was the cause. We were able to install a valve for a temporary fix and allow the water back on at Woodlawn Park and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. We are getting quotes to have boring done and installation of a new river crossing and will bring them to the Board of Works on Wednesday. There are no locations without water at this time.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- The department took delivery of the new truck last week and the snowplow is being installed today.
- We are anticipating the start of the project at the plant with the expected start to be around April 1.

Park Director John Parrish

- We have been doing spring cleaning in the parks.
- We have several projects planned and are waiting on the weather for the contractors to start.

Council Member Brian Hite

Inquired about a Community Alert System and asked if the city has looked into this. He has seen this on the council list serve. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn has information from Reach Alert, a company endorsed by AIM and being used by many communities. She will get additional information and pass it on to council members for review.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Earle Franklin, Mayor