

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, October 25, 2021 · Ligonier City Hall  
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting**

**Roll Call**

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills  
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Chris Fought

**Minutes from previous meeting of October 10, 2021**

***Motion to approve: Ken Schuman      Second: Bill Mills      Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**Advanced Metal Etching Tax Abatement – Resolution 1025-2021**

Advanced Metal Etching is asking for tax abatement for personal property to be located at 711 Gerber Street. They submitted their SB1 and Resolution 1025-2021 for consideration. The equipment will allow them to etch thicker material. Computers and software required to run the equipment are included in the abatement request. They should see a 50% increase in their sales. They plan to add seven new jobs @ \$22 per hours. The Redevelopment Commission passed Resolution RDC1013-2021 recommending five-year abatement.

***Motion to approve a five year tax abatement: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Bill Mills      Vote: All Ayes***

**Salary Ordinance for 2022 – Ordinance 967-2021**

The salary ordinance for 2022 was prepared based on the 2.5% increase recommended by Mayor Fisel.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 967-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 967-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 967-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes***

**Elected Salary Ordinance for 2022 – Ordinance 968-2021**

The elected salary ordinance for 2022 was also prepared based on a 2.5% increase.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 968-2021 on the first reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 968-2021 on the second reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 968-2021 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman***

***Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV # 63820-63883**

***Motion to approve: Julia Bell      Second: Bill Mills      Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Outside projects at the new fire station are moving slowly because of rain – front doors are on with glass installed. They are able to work inside on drywall.

**Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- Bond rating call today and seemed to go well.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

- The basketball court in the Rec Center is completed and we reopened today. The court still includes pickle ball.
- Basketball is starting practice next week.
- The parks are all winterized. The summer crew will be finished at the end of the month.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- The Water Bonds of 2012 were paid off early, this week, using the DSR (Debt Service Reserve) Funds. This was ahead of the March 2022 schedule and prior to the new bond issue.

**Mayor Fisel's Comments**


- Received an air permit approval for Irving Gravel from IDEM.
- Received a thank you letter from Gary Gatman for the funding Council provided to them including the increase from 5,000 to \$10,000. Noble County EDC has done a tremendous job and appreciate what they do for Ligonier.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Julia Bell*

  
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Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
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Patricia Fisel, Mayor