

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, November 22, 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 Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, and Bill Mills

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Clouse, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Julia Bell

Minutes from previous meeting of November 8, 2021

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

Unfinished Business

Baker Tilly Classification and Wage Study Report

Jada Kent from Baker Tilly virtually presented a report on the Classification and Wage Study they prepared for the city. This information was for the council, to describe the process and answer questions for them. They presented three scenarios that would provide for increases to positions that fell below the minimums in the classifications. Discussion led to the following.

*Motion to adopt the Classification and Wage Plan proceeding with scenario two: Ken Schuman
Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes*

New Business

Brad Graden – Noble County Community Foundation

Mr. Graden, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Noble County was present to discuss interest in the current fire station for their offices after the move of the fire department to the new station. He expressed his appreciation to the committee for their assistance. They are looking to be closer to the population center which he feels will bring more community awareness to the foundation. They are interested in the front offices, kitchen and upstairs, but not the truck bays.

Council Member Chris Fought served on the committee and stated the foundations goals line up with the goals the committee had set.

*Motion to proceed with negotiations to draft a lease for the building: Chris Fought
Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes*

Claim Registers – APV # 64023-64106

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Bill Mills Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Breakfast with Santa on December 4 from 7 am to 11 am at the fire station.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Busy picking up leaves.
- Had the trucks out for the first snow plowing of the season.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Publicly thank Kroger and their manager for their assistance with a food drive for the West Noble Food Pantry on Sunday.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Turkey Shoot on Saturday – 64 people shooting free throws.
- Basketball signups are in progress for an after Christmas start up.

Council Member Bill Mills

- Inquired about trash cans downtown. This will be placed on the Redevelopment Commission agenda for December.

City Attorney Steve Clouse

- Last city council meeting. Thanked everyone stating it has been a pleasure to serve Ligonier.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The State Board of Accounts Auditors have wrapped up the audit of 2019-2020. The exit conference is Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 9:30 am. All council members were invited to attend, although attendance is not mandatory.

- The last meeting of December falls on our Christmas Paid Holiday since the 25th falls on the weekend. Members were asked if they would like to cancel or reschedule the meeting.

Motion to cancel: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Thanked City Attorney Steve Clouse for his service stating she appreciates everything he has done for the City. She also welcomed Jack Birch as the new City Attorney.
- Happy Thanksgiving

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken

Second: Chris



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor