

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, December 13, 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 Julia Bell  
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn  
Absent: Council Member Bill Mills

**Minutes from previous meeting of November 22, 2021**

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

**New Business**

**Resolution 1213-2021 (Appropriation Transfers)**

It is necessary to transfers within the General Fund appropriations. Resolution 1213-2021 was presented for approval.

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

**Board Appointments for 2022**

The council has appointments to make for 2022.

Bryan Shearer is the current appointment for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Julia Bell and Chris Fought are the two current appointments for the Redevelopment Commission (RDC)

***Motion to reappoint Bryan Shearer to the BZA as well as Julia Bell and Chris Fought to the RDC for another term: Ken Schuman      Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes***

Mayor Fisel has appointments to make for 2022.

Michael Shearer is the current appointment for the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Bryan Shearer, John Mangona, and Patty Fisel are the three current appointments for the Redevelopment Commission (RDC). She reappointed each of them for another term.

**Claim Registers – APV #64107-64274**

***Motion to approve: Chris Fought      Second: Julia Bell      Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- The last leaf pick up for the season will be tomorrow.

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

- Will be bringing information at the January 10, 2022 meeting regarding an upgrade for communications for public safety with the WNSC main campus. Currently within the high school and middle school, we cannot communicate with dispatch with the 800 MHz radios. ERS put a proposal together to put amplifiers in the schools to allow the signal. The cost is \$49,032.11. We have spoken to Baker Tilly regarding the use of ARP Funds and public safety items will qualify. To spend ARP funds, we need to have a formal plan. They will put the items we are currently considering in a plan. The plan can be amended as necessary.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

- Basketball ends for grades 3-5 this week. Extended sign up for K-3 until Thursday. Starts at first of year.

**IT/Facilities Director Gary Cox**

- Info on William Edwin Keasey who was a merchant police officer who died in the line of duty in Ligonier in 1934 and was the first police officer in Noble County to die in the line of duty. Although he was not actually a City Police Officer, the Indiana Law Enforcement Memorial does recognize him.  
Would like to start a program with grave markers and flags for paid police officers for the city of Ligonier but would also like to include Officer Keasey. The cost is approximately \$1200. Would also start a program to clean up the gravestones.

***Motion to approve: Chris Fought      Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes***

**City Attorney Jack Birch**

- Happy to be at first official meeting.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Information from the audit: A physical inventory of capital assets will be necessary every two years. A list will be given to the department heads to complete and sign. A written plan for tax abatements will be what auditors will be looking for in the next round of audits. Jack Birch will prepare for both the council and the redevelopment commission.
- Fund and bank reconciliation reports were distributed to council members.

**Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- Looking for someone for an appointment to serve on the Region 3a board and also someone to serve on the Solid Waste Management board. Let Mayor Fisel know if you or someone you know is interested.
- With assistance of the Noble County EDC, the city was part of a REDI grant within the 11 county region. Our portion was for trails. Memo that received from the Governor that the requests for funding were triple what is available. Due to this, there may be another round if our region does not receive funding. The announcement will be December 17.
- The LIDC (Ligonier Industrial Development Corp.) has sold another seven acres of land to Hershberger Properties. They will make sheds. They will have a tax abatement for the Redevelopment Commission at the Jan 12, 2022 meeting which will then come to the council at the January 24, 2022 meeting. Kudos to LIDC for their vision and what they have done for the industrial park. How fortunate we are to have such a large industrial base in our small community.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*

  
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Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer  
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Patricia Fisel, Mayor