

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022 · 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, Julia Bell, and Bill Mills  
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn  
Absent: Council Member Doretta Wiegand

**Minutes from previous meeting of December 13, 2021**

*Motion to approve: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Citizens Comments**

*Name & Address: Bryan Shepherd – 700 Westfield, Ligonier*

*Opportunity to talk to Chief Shearer about SRO Grant Moser. They received a call from a grandma in Kimmel whose pipes in her trailer were frozen. SRO Moser took it upon himself to go check it out and purchased bottled water for her, on his own, out of his own pocket. He is doing a great job and doing the right thing. He is an asset to our school and to our community.*

**New Business**

**Council President Pro-Tempore**

*Motion to elect Ken Schuman Council President Pro Tempore for 2022: Chris Fought*

*Second: Bill Mills*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Resolution 0110-2022 (Dormant Funds)**

Three funds were declared dormant for the year ending December 31, 2021. Fund 205 with balance transferred to Fund 204, Fund 403 with balance transferred to Fund 204, and Fund 701 with balance transferred to Fund 101.

*Motion to pass Resolution 0110-2022 (Declaring Dormant Funds): Chris Fought*

*Second: Bill Mills*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**ARP Plan**

We worked with Baker Tilly to prepare our initial ARP plan. It includes the projects we have discussed thus far and can be amended as needed. The initial plan calls for \$50,000 for Communications at WNSC, \$65,000 for Internet Hotspots in the city, and the balance for the Commerce Drive Project, Fire Station Remodel, and Trail Improvement Project.

*Motion to approve: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Police Dept. – Funding for Communications from ARP Funds**

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Shearer presented a quote from ERS for Communications at WNSC with the service agreement using the ARP Plan Funding. He asked council to approve going forward with the project and the additional appropriations. The cost of the project with the service agreement is \$49,032.11

*Motion to approve with the service agreement: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Chris Fought*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Police Dept. – Funding for Additional Police Car**

The capital plan calls for the purchase of a police car. However, an additional car requires transmission repairs that will be more than the value of the car. Chief Shearer asked for approval for additional appropriations from CREDIT to fund an additional car in 2022.

*Motion to approve: Ken Schuman*

*Second: Julia Bell*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Potential Annexations**

Mayor Fisel discussed annexation of properties from two owners who would like to pursue voluntary annexations. The properties are south of the intersection of US6, US33, and SR5 on the east side and owned by John Coussens and the Noble County Community Foundation. She asked the council if they would like to pursue the annexations.

*Motion to move forward with the annexation process: Chris Fought*

*Second: Ken Schuman*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Claim Registers – APV # 64275-64494**

*Motion to approve: Chris Fought*

*Second: Bill Mills*

*Vote: All Ayes*

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Working on the truck bay floor and elevator at the new fire station. Also working on painting and hanging doors.

**Park Director Travis Brimhall**

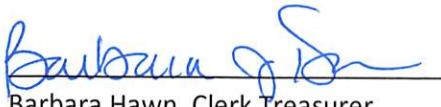
- Temporarily removed the bollards on the River Walk portion of the trail today to be able to get through with the plow. Will put back in the spring.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

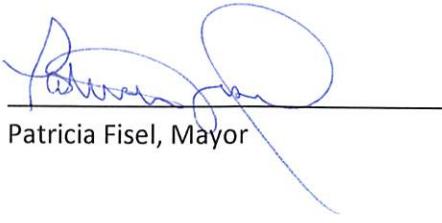
- We will bid out the community crossing project in February.
- Commerce Drive project, working with the owners for the dedication of the street. The plan is to upgrade the water main, sewer main and replace the street.
- Got the certified mileage updated which will add 1.47 miles to our city mileage. We will get gas tax mileage in 2023. We took in the new streets in Park Meadow as well as some that we have been taking care of but were not dedicated in the past.

**Mayor Fisel's Comments**

- Notice of an air permit from IDEM was received for Tower Structural Laminating in the industrial park.
- Thanks to everyone for their good work.

**Adjournment***Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman**Second: Chris Fought*

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor