

**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 CEDIT 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.

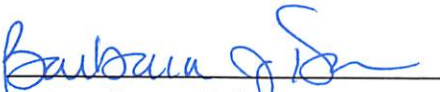
Mayor Fisel's Comments


- 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