

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, January 24, 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 – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations

Mayor Fisel called to order the public hearing for additional appropriations. The additional funding is for a police car (\$44,000 from the CREDIT Fund) and public safety communications at WNSC (\$50,000 from ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund).

Mayor Fisel asked for public comment. As no comments were made, the public hearing was closed.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, and Julia Bell

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Bill Mills

Minutes from previous meeting of January 10, 2022

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Daric Weimer, Main Street

Mr. Weimer addressed the council concerning his idea for the city to hire a community engagement manager. He prepared a handout with what he felt would be the qualifications and responsibilities of the position. Questions arose as to how the position would be paid for. There is no funding in the current budget, and we recently held our five-year planning meeting. Mr. Weimer suggested CREDIT funds. He believes it could be a part-time position without benefits.

New Business

Herschberger Tax Abatement (Real and Personal Property)

Lori Gagen of the Noble County EDC and Samuel Herschberger of Herschberger Properties LLC were present to ask council to approve tax abatements for real property and personal property at his location in Ligonier. He will construct a building and plans to produce sheds. The Redevelopment Commission approved resolutions recommending a five-year abatement for the personal property and seven-year abatement for the real property. Resolutions 0124A-2022 and 0124B-2022 were available for approval of the abatements.

Motion to approve both Resolution 0124A-2022 and 0124B-2022: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 970-2022 – Additional Appropriations

The ordinance approving additional appropriations for the Police Car and Public Safety Communications at WNSC.

Motion to pass Ordinance 970-2022 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Encumbrances 2021 to 2022

Encumbrances for items and/or projects started in 2021 which were not completed or billed by year end, were available for approval:

Republic Services	Fall 2021 Clean Up	\$6,000
Pulver & Sons Asphalt	Martin Street Project	\$526,763.21
Emergency Radio Service	Tornado Siren	\$40,000
Middlebury Electric	Tornado Siren Installation	\$20,000

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Riverside Villa Apartments – CF-1 RP

The CF-1 compliance for Riverside Villa's real property tax abatement was available for approval.

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Rick Pharis/Triad – Commerce Drive Project

Rick Pharis spoke to council about the potential project on Commerce Drive. The project cost estimate was provided for review. The survey portion is approximately \$20,000. He asked if council would approve the survey expense which is the first step needed to proceed with the project. The project was part of the discussion in the recent five year capital planning meeting.

The water and sewer lines, and streets did not get dedicated to the city at the time of the development of the property, and developer is since gone. Each of the businesses own to the center of the street. Would like to get the owners to dedicate Commerce Drive to the city. Adding the street to the official city street list would allow the street portion of the project to be part of a Community Crossing Grant request.

Council Member Chris Fought asked if the businesses could pay for the survey portion of the project. Rick will contact the businesses to see if they would be willing to do so.

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- East side of US 33 annexation is contiguous. We are waiting for the property owner to provide their surveys to proceed.

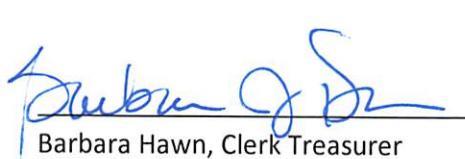
Council Member Chris Fought

- Commented that he would be in favor of a position such as the one Daric Weimer mentioned. He is interested in learning more.

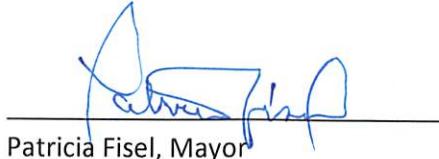
Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Received a notice of approval by IDEM of a request for a new source construction by Forest River .

Adjournment



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor