

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Council President Ken Schuman

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Chris Fought, Doretta Wiegand, Julia Bell, and Matt Kreager
City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Mayor Patty Fisel

Minutes from previous meeting of July 11, 2022

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments

Name & Address: Margarita and Mike White – Representing the Ligonier Marshmallow Festival

Biggest event the city has and brings in 3000-5000 people on Labor Day Weekend. Events the same – great family event.

Asked for the use of the old fire station building for the weekend for the pancake breakfast, bake off and other events.

Would also like to use south bay for supplies throughout the year for storage. Would like to get into one location. Fire station wants to use part of the south bay as well for the festival.

There was discussion regarding the use of the building this year and in the future. There are preliminary plans to turn the bays into a community room with a grant application being filed next year. This would not allow for use of the south bay as it would be part of the renovation. Discussion led to the following:

Motion to approve use of the building for the festival this year and to allow the south bay for storage for one year: Ken Schuman

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Perry Township Fire Contract Discussion

Perry Township Trustee Barb Donley was present to discuss the Perry Township Fire Contract. The current contract runs through the end of this year. Previously we have renewed the contract for three years at a time. The previous renewal was 1.5% over the prior year. She would like to see a contract to run concurrent with her upcoming four-year term, through 2026.

Motion to approve 1.5% increase per year through 2026: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

The agreement will be prepared and available for signatures at the next meeting.

Ruth Stultz Preschool Move Out

Formal notice was received from Ruth Stultz Preschool regarding the plans to move from the City Building at Woodlawn Park to the Methodist Church. They plan to vacate by September 6, 2022.

Section 125 Plan

American Fidelity provides updates to the city's Section 125 Plan at no cost. The renewal for 2022-2023 was received and available for approval.

Motion to approve the revised city Section 125 Plan and authorize Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn to sign on behalf of the city: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 65833-65932

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Niblock will be back in mid-August to finish the paving project.
- Getting ready to paint curbs for school.
- The street signs are going up in Park Meadow.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Football sign ups start soon.
- City League Baseball and the Ligonier Vipers Travel Softball have finished their seasons.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn spoke on behalf of Mayor Fisel, stating she would like to see a 4% increase approved for all employees for 2023. We worked with our accountants at Baker Tilly, and we are able can make this work.

Motion to approve: Julia Bell

Second: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Patricia Fisel, Mayor