

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, December 19, 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 – Public Hearing for OCRA Grant

Shannon McLeod of Priority Project Resources conducted a public hearing for a \$700,000 OCRA Wastewater Grant the city is applying for. She gave a rundown of the project and the items that needed to be addressed. She feels we have a good project. The total project is 1,900,000 and 450,000 of non-project costs such as engineering, legal and financial advisors for the bond, and grant management for a total project of \$2,350,000. We are asking for the maximum \$700,000 bringing the local match to \$1,650,000. Grant applications are due December 22, 2022 and the announcement of awards in February 2023. Comments from the public were addressed and with no further comment, the hearing was closed.

Call to order by Council President Ken Schuman – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council Members Chris Fought, and Julia Bell

Present via Zoom: Council Members Doretta Wiegand and Matt Kreager

City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Mayor Patty Fisel

Minutes from previous meeting of November 29, 2022

Motion to approve:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

New Business

Resolution 1219A-2022 – Grant Authorization

Resolution 1219A-2022 authorizes the submittal of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and addresses related matters.

Motion to approve:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

Resolution 1219B-2022 Intent to Borrow

Resolution 1219B-2022 authorizes the necessary action to borrow funds specific to the Wastewater Treatment Improvement Project to be used as matching funds for the OCRA Grant.

Motion to approve:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

Ordinance 981-2022 (Amendment to 2022 Salary Ordinance)

Mayor Fisel asked the Council to approve a bonus for city employees, \$300 for full time employees and \$150 for part time employees with one year of service and at least 100 hours worked in 2022. Ordinance 981-2022 amends the 2022 Salary Ordinance allowing the bonuses.

Motion to approve Ordinance 981-2022 on the first reading:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

Motion to suspend the rules:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

Motion to approve Ordinance 981-2022 on the second reading:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

Motion to approve Ordinance 981-2022 on the third and final reading:	Chris Fought	Second: Julia Bell	
Roll Call Vote	Ken Schuman - Aye	Chris Fought - Aye	Doretta Wiegand – Aye
	Matt Kreager - Aye	Julia Bell – Aye	

Petition for Annexation

A Petition for Annexation was prepared for the following properties:

John Coussens: #57-01-34-100-023.000-013 and #57-01-34-100-018.000-013 and

Noble County Community Foundation: #57-01-34-400-039.000-13

Both parties agree to a voluntary annexation of their land. The petition was provided for their signatures. The next step will be a public hearing for the fiscal plan which will be held on January 23, 2023.

Ordinance 982-2022 (Sewer Bonds)

Ordinance 982-2022 for Sewer Bonds was introduced and available for the first reading.

Motion to approve Ordinance 982-2022 on the first reading: Chris Fought Second: Ken Schuman

*Roll Call Vote Ken Schuman - Aye Chris Fought - Aye Doretta Wiegand - Aye
Matt Kreager - Aye Julia Bell - Aye*

Appointments to Redevelopment Commission for 2023

Mayor Fisel – Three Appointments

The current Mayoral appointments to the Redevelopment Commission are Bryan Shearer, John Mangona, and Patty Fisel. The Mayor was not in attendance to confirm her appointments for 2023.

Council – Two Appointments

The current Council appointments to the Redevelopment Commission are Julia Bell and Chris Fought. Both agreed to serve again in 2023.

Motion to reappoint Julia Bell and Chris Fought: Ken Schuman Second: Matt Kreager

*Roll Call Vote Ken Schuman - Aye Chris Fought - Aye Doretta Wiegand - Aye
Matt Kreager - Aye Julia Bell - Aye*

Claim Registers – APV # 66818-66992

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Doretta Wiegand

*Roll Call Vote Ken Schuman - Aye Chris Fought - Aye Doretta Wiegand - Aye
Matt Kreager - Aye Julia Bell - Aye*

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- Express sincere condolences to Bill Mills family and thank him for his service and work with children in the community.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

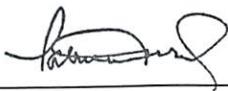
- A reminder to elected officials that the sign-up period for the 2023 Election is from January 4, 2023 through February 3, 2023.
- The first installment of opioid funds were received, restricted \$15296.89 and unrestricted \$6555.82. We have received preliminary uses for the funds and Chief Shearer said his conference in January 2023 will address uses of the funds and hopefully give a better understanding of what they can be used for.

Adjournment

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Doretta Wiegand

*Roll Call Vote Ken Schuman - Aye Chris Fought - Aye Doretta Wiegand - Aye
Matt Kreager - Aye Julia Bell - Aye*


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Patricia Fisel, Mayor