

**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**

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

**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 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.

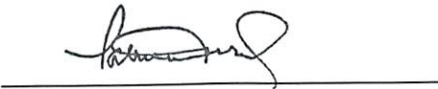
**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- 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