# Ligonier Common Council Meeting Monday, February 25, 2013 – Ligonier City Hall 301 South Cavin Street – Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

# Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

## Call to order by Mayor Fisel

## **Roll Call**

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, Kelly Ware, and Julia Bell Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of February 11, 2013

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman Seconded by: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

**Citizens Comments – None** 

**Unfinished Business - None** 

## **New Business**

## • Tax Abatement – Vibracoustic North America

Bob Schultz of Vibracoustics North America was present to ask council to consider tax abatement on manufacturing equipment costing \$1,733,000. The Redevelopment Commission previously gave their approval and recommended that council approve as well. Findings of fact were conducted by City Attorney Steve Hagen.

Motion to approve the findings of fact by: Ken Schuman
Seconded by: Chris Fought
Vote: All Ayes

The SB-1 (Statement of Benefits) for tax abatement was then considered.

Motion to approve the SB-1 for Vibracoustics by: Chris Fought Seconded by: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 225-2013 was then offered, granting tax abatement for 10 years.

Motion to adopt resolution 225-2013 by: Ken Schuman
Seconded by: Chris Fought
Vote: All Ayes

#### 2013 CEDIT Plan Revision

The 2013 CEDIT plan was approved in 2011. The 2013 budget included an addition to the plan by adding the cost of the citywide cleanup of \$11,000 to the CEDIT budget. Therefore, it was necessary to amend the actual CEDIT plan for council approval.

Motion to adopt the amended CEDIT Plan for 2013 for a total of \$127,200 by: Ken Schuman Seconded by: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

# PER Acceptance Resolution

A public hearing for the Wastewater Preliminary Engineering report was held prior to the February 13, 2013 Board of Works meeting. This combines the additional phases required by IDEM under the agreed order into one final project. The PER resolution is required in order for the city to apply for a SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan at a much lower interest rate.

Motion to approve resolution 0225B-2013, PER Acceptance Resolution by: Chris Fought Seconded by: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

# Motion to approve resolution 225A-2013, Authorized Representative Resolution by: Chris Fought Seconded by: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

#### Annexation

City Attorney Steve Hagen has been working to prepare annexation of McDonalds and Pizanna's. He hopes to be in the movement state in March. The tax revenue currently goes to the county rather than the city. McDonald's assessed value is \$691,900. When annexed, the revenue will be paid to the city instead. This will also increase the city's assessed valuation, which generally brings the residents tax rate down.

# Claim Registers - APV #38816-38946

Motion to approve by: Ken Schuman Seconded by: Julia Bell Vote: All Ayes

## **Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

Park Director Alan Duncan: Approximately 70 vendors participated in the recent indoor garage sale at the recreation center. The Senior Fitness program will start again soon. Information on the Park and Rec activities is in the packet provided to council members.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: The renovation of the fire department is progressing and could possibly be completed in approximately 3 weeks.

*Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer:* The police department yearend report will be presented at the next council meeting. The construction at the fire station is going very well.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Thanks to the department heads for setting up information tables prior to the Mayor's State of the City address preceding the council meeting. Thanks to Patty for a good job.

Mayor Patty Fisel: A meeting with town managers and mayors along with county officials was held to go over the tax abatement process and try to streamline the procedure. The hope is to help industry understand the steps involved along with the annual compliance and deadlines. A meeting will be held in Albion to review a mock tax abatement request with a tentative date of Tuesday, March 12 at 5:00 pm if council members are interested.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Ken Schuman Seconded by: Chris Fought