

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, April 22, 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 – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations

No comments were made by the public

Close Public Hearing

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Council President Ken Schuman, Council members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, and Kelly Ware

Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Julia Bell

Minutes from previous meeting of April 8, 2013

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Seconded: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

- **Eric Walsh, Umbaugh – Utility Rate Ordinance Information and introduction of Ordinance 834-2013 and Ordinance 835-2013**

Eric Walsh of Umbaugh & Associates presented information regarding the need for a storm water utility to comply with the current IDEM agreed order. The proposed rate would be an additional line on utility customer's bill with the average residential bill at \$5.65 per month.

An increase in the water rate was also discussed. The proposed increase is necessary to provide the necessary funding for day to day operating costs, debt service payments, and capital improvements as a reinvestment in the system. The increase would add \$3.28 to the average residential water service bill.

A fire protection surcharge was also discussed. Currently, the public hydrants are paid for by the city's general fund. The proposed surcharge would spread the cost of the public hydrants to all utility users. The proposed rate would add \$3.08 to the average residential bill.

After discussion, it was determined that council would like additional information.

Motion to table ordinance 834-2013 and ordinance 835-2013 for further information: Ken Schuman

Seconded: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to set a special council meeting on Monday, April 29, 2013 for further information on the storm water utility, water rate increase, and fire protection surcharge: Chris Fought

Seconded: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

- **Ordinance 833-2013 – Additional Appropriations**

Additional appropriations of \$9000 to MVH, \$4000 to CEDIT, and \$533,199 to the GO Bond Proceeds funds were included in ordinance 833-2013.

Motion to pass ordinance 833-2013 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Seconded: Ken Schuman

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 833-2013 on the second reading: Chris Fought
Seconded: Ken Schuman **Vote: All Ayes**

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass ordinance 833-2013 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Seconded: Ken Schuman **Vote: All Ayes**

- **2012-2013 Amended CEDIT Plan**

Ordinance 833-2013 allows for the additional \$4000 from the CEDIT fund. Therefore, the 2012-2013 CEDIT plans must be amended to reflect the change.

Motion to amend the CEDIT plan adding \$4000 for the police car lease: Ken Schuman
Seconded: Becky Gray **Vote: All Ayes**

- **CF-1 Form Approval**

Council reviewed the CF-1 (compliance forms) received from several industries with tax abatements.

Motion to approve the submitted CF-1 forms in mass: Ken Schuman
Seconded: Chris Fought **Vote: All Ayes**

Mayor Fisel then read the following list of industries who submitted CF-1 forms

- Precision Tank & Equipment – RP & PP
- WTL Properties LLC - RP
- Pro-Tech – RP (2) & PP (2)
- Silgan Plastics – PP
- Vibracoustic North America – PP (3)
- Guardian Industries – RP & PP (2)
- Tenneco – PP
- SC Tower (Supreme) – RP

Motion to approve CF-1 forms for the above list: Ken Schuman
Seconded: Chris Fought **Vote: All Ayes**

- **Reschedule Second Meeting of May**

The second meeting of May falls on Memorial Day. Discussion led to the following.

Motion to cancel the May 27, 2013 meeting and reschedule if something comes up: Ken Schuman
Seconded: Kelly Ware **Vote: All Ayes**

Claim Registers – APV #39266-39346

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman **Seconded: Kelly Ware** **Vote: All Ayes**

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette: The department has been working with the park department on the splash pad project. Mike is working with the city engineer on putting an additional paving program together.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: The bid on the first paving program came in under projection allowing funding for additional projects. Rick is working with Mike to put together a list which will be prioritized and sent out for bids.

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver: Jeremy presented his 2012 yearend report to council members. It highlights the department's statistics and projects for the year. Of note, 257 fire inspections were done in 2012. The remodel of the building is complete and department plans to hold an open house in May.

Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer: Recognition of public safety personnel for life saving efforts will be at the May 13 council meeting. Meetings with WN School superintendent were held to address safety concerns at the schools. Restructure of the school resource program to improve safety was discussed along with the sharing of responsibilities.

Park Director Alan Duncan: There are 18 soccer teams this year with 188 youth participating. There are 4 travel teams using the park's diamonds. Ground was broken on the splash pad and the "toys" will be arriving tomorrow.

Council Member Kelly Ware: Thanks to Jeremy for providing the yearend report.

Council Member Becky Gray: Thanks to Jeremy for the yearend report in a visual presentation

Mayor Patty Fisel: The plan commission was restructured and the new members have all been appointed. A meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm at City Hall for reorganization and election of officers.

The RDC met this morning. Structural Composites was present and the 5 jobs projected turned to 30. The RDC awarded the hotel feasibility study to Core Distinction Group of Minneapolis, MN who specializes in this type of study. The study is expected to take 30 days in will begin May 20, 2013.

Whispering Pines has completed the major cleanup of the old trailer park and will begin installing new park models.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Seconded: Becky Gray