

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, November 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 November 12, 2013

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

▪ **DNR Property Lease**

The DNR provided an agreement for the property lease for the canoe/boat launch on Pigeon Street. Council would like to see a map indicating the exact location.

Motion to table the DNR property lease for additional information: Ken Schuman
Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 41087-41164

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The Turkey Shoot went well with 33 teams participating. Thanks to Owens for their assistance with the turkeys. Registration for 5-6 grade basketball is currently underway.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Bryan gave an update on public safety as it has now been a year since he was appointed to the position as public safety director. It has been a good experience and he is honored to work with Chief Weaver and his firemen. The firemen now have defined shared responsibilities such as inspections and the extinguisher program. The remodel of the fire station has been very beneficial. Central dispatch at the county is now being used so that on duty firemen can respond to emergencies rather than man the phones. Response time has improved significantly since this was implemented.
In City response time Previously: 4.6 minutes Currently: 3.6 minutes
In Perry Township Previously: 7 minutes Currently: 4 minutes
In Elkhart Township Remains at 11 minutes (Wawaka area)
- Bryan thanked council for the insurance provided to employees. It is a great benefit and is much appreciated.
- Ken Schuman thanked Bryan and his staff. They have had emergency calls to his plant and are impressed with the response time.
- Mayor Fisel commended the council on their choice to make the public safety changes.

Wastewater Superintendent Mark Schultz

- Mark reported that the project on the north side was completed on October 29, 2013 when the switch over was made. The reduction in ground water coming through the treatment plant has been approximately \$106,000 gallons per day for an estimated annual savings of \$96,000.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks to the department heads, council members, Barb Hawn, and Mayor Fisel for their help to the newer members of council.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- A fund report and bank reconciliation report were included in council packets. City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mayor's Fisel's Comments

- Mayor Fisel commended C-T Barb Hawn for the job she does, the reports she provides and keeping everyone informed in a timely manner.
- The council and Mayor both have new appointments to be made for 2014. She would like to have the appointments made at the December 9 meeting as it will be the last meeting of the year. The following are necessary:

Council Appointments

- Two appointments to the Redevelopment Commission. Currently serving are Julia Bell and Gary Bishop
- One appointment to the Economic Development Commission. Currently serving is Daniel Blevins.

Mayoral Appointments

- Three appointments to the Redevelopment Commission. Currently serving are Patty Fisel, Bryan Shearer, and John Mangona
- One appointment to the Economic Development Commission. Currently serving is Barb Hawn.
- One appointment to the Park Board. Currently serving is democrat Ray Collet.
- We are continuing to work on the DR2 Grant for demolition of the Wirk Garment building. The building marginally qualifies as a historical building and we are working through the obstacles.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought

Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel, Mayor