

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2015 · 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, 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 13, 2015

Motion to approve: Kelly Ware Second: Ken Schuman Vote: All Ayes

New Business

▪ **CF-1 –AME Swiss Machining (2 PP)**

Compliance form for two personal property tax abatements were received from AME Swiss Machining.

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

▪ **CF-1 – Silgan Plastics (PP)**

Compliance form for personal property tax abatement was received from Silgan Plastics.

Motion to approve: Ken Schuman Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

▪ **CF-1 – Precision Tank (1 PP, 1 RP)**

Compliance forms for personal property tax abatement and real property tax abatement were received from Precision Tank.

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

▪ **CF-1 – Vibracoustics (3 PP)**

Compliance form for three personal property tax abatements were received from Vibracoustics.

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

▪ **Ordinance 866-2015 (Amending Zoning Map – Park Meadow Lots)**

Rezoning request for three lots in Park Meadow was presented. The Plan Commission met to approve, did not recommend as a representative was not present at their meeting, but they have no objection.

Motion to pass Ordinance 866-2015 on the first reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 866-2015 on the second reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Motion to further suspend the rules and pass Ordinance 866-2015 on the third and final reading: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 45192-45231

Motion to approve: Chris Fought Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner

- The project is proceeding. The towers are coming down. Construction on the clarifier is ready to begin. High water on Lincolnway has made the dewatering wells challenging.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Due to the tower fire at the wastewater plant, the rusty water calls increased. It is due to the amount of water used to put the fire out. The water is safe. There is no possibility of sewage getting into the water lines.
- Hydrant flushing will continue on Thursdays throughout the warm weather months.
- Working with the crews at the WWTP on contingency plans.

Park Director Alan Duncan

- The additional concrete at the splash pad was completed and are now working on the fencing.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Thanks to all city departments for their quick response and help during the tower fire at the wastewater plant. Everyone did a wonderful job. Thanks to the surrounding community fire departments for their mutual aid. The Topeka department was able to use their new ladder truck. They estimated over 101,000 gallons of water went through their truck. Thankfully there were no injuries and the only problem was smoke.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The contract for the paving program was awarded to Niblock in the amount of \$111,700. The project is expected to get underway in May-June.
- A public hearing for the water grant will be held prior to the council meeting on May 11. Letters of Support are requested from the residents and businesses, showing the need for the grant. Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle recapped project details.

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks to Patty and the departments for their handling of the fire.

Council Member Chris Fought

- Thanks to all those who assisted with the fire.

Council President Ken Schuman

- The mill was in the middle of a food safety audit when the fire hit. Thankfully the wind was in the opposite direction but they were ready to shut down if the wind shifted. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the fire.

Council Member Becky Gray

- Thanks to everyone for their handling of the fire.

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- A notice of rate increase was received from Ligonier Telephone regarding the television rates.
- There is an opening on the Plan Commission as resignation was received from Tammy Janes. Looking for a replacement to serve on the commission.
- Thanks to the city departments for the team work and handling of the fire.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Ken Schuman

Second: Chris Fought