

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, October 12, 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 – Public Meeting – Neighborhood Plan

Caroline Diamond of Herman and Kittle presented a Neighborhood Plan for the redevelopment of the former Wirk Garment factory at 200 Water Street into a 54 unit multi-family apartment complex. Housing is not subsidized or section 8 housing, but house for residents in the 30-6-% of the area median income. Comments and questions from the public were taken by Ms. Diamond.

The public meeting was then closed by Mayor Fisel.

Call to order by Mayor Fisel – Common Council Meeting

Roll Call

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

Absent: Council President Ken Schuman

Minutes from previous meeting of September 27, 2015

Motion to approve: Becky Gray

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 871-2015 (Rezoning of 200 Water Street)

Ordinance 871-2015 passed on the first reading at the September 28, 2015 meeting.

Motion to pass Ordinance 871-2015 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 871-2015 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: Julia Bell

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 872-2015 (2016 City Budget)

Ordinance 872-2015, the 2016 Ligonier City Budget, was passed on the first reading on September 28, 2015.

Motion to pass Ordinance 872-2015 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 872-2015 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Resolution 1012-2015 (Establishing an ERA)

Resolution 1012-2015 would establish an ERA (Economic Revitalization Area) at 200 Water Street. This is a preliminary resolution and the confirmatory resolution will be presented at a later date. Passage of the resolution allows the property to be eligible for tax abatement.

Motion to pass Resolution 1012-2015 establishing an ERA at 200 Water Street: Julia Bell

Second: Becky Gray

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to set a public hearing for October 26: Kelly Ware

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 873-2015 (GO Bond Additional Appropriation)

Ordinance 873-2015 appropriating funds from the upcoming GO Bond issue was introduced.

Motion to pass Ordinance 873-2015 on the first reading and set a public hearing for October 26: Julia Bell
Second: Kelly Ware Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 874-2015 (GO Bond Ordinance)

Ordinance 874-2015 is a general obligation bond ordinance, issuing debt for paving projects and equipment in the city. Eric Walsh of Umbaugh recapped the structure of the bond with the current debt schedule.

Motion to suspend the rules and to pass Ordinance 874-2015 on the first reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 874-2015 on the second reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 874-2015 on the third and final reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 875-2015 (Sewage Bond Refinancing Ordinance)

Ordinance 875-2015 is a sewage refinancing bond ordinance. Eric Walsh of Umbaugh explained that the 2006B bonds have a \$4,000,000 principal and a rate higher than current rates. The targeted savings after fees is around \$150,000. Bonds will sell at the end of November, only if there is a savings.

Motion to suspend the rules and to pass Ordinance 875-2015 on the first reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 874-2015 on the second reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 874-2015 on the third and final reading: Julia Bell
Second: Becky Gray Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 46571-46719

Motion to approve: Julia Bell Second: Chris Fought Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Last week was Fire Prevention at West Noble Primary
- The Smoke House will be set up for Kindergarten at WNP
- Next week is Fire Prevention Week at West Noble Elementary
- Public Safety Day at Fashion Farm was the past week end and was very successful

Park Director Alan Duncan

- Flag football finished up on Saturday
- Registration for basketball for grades, 3, 4, and 5 is going on now

Council Member Kelly Ware

- Thanks to Gary for doing the kids identification cards at Public Safety Day
- Thanks to Jeremy and the fire department for working with the kids on safety

Council Member Julia Bell

- The new “way finding” signs are a nice addition to downtown
- Inquired about the project and the paving of Lincolnway. It will be paved by Thanksgiving.

Mayor Fisel’s Comments

- The DR2 Grant application is in process.
- A public hearing by INDOT on the Brimfield Bridge will be held on October 22 in Albion.
- The winter salt has been ordered but we have still not been advised by the state as to the pricing.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: Kelly Ware