

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting  
Monday, October 24, 2016 · 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 Members Chris Fought, Becky Gray, and Julia Bell  
Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn  
Absent: Council President Ken Schuman and Council Member Kelly Ware

**Minutes from previous meeting of October 10, 2016**

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Tax Abatement – Brookside Furniture**

Vern Hochstetler of Brookside Furniture was present to answer Findings of Fact regarding tax abatement for personal property in the business he is relocating to Ligonier from Millersburg. Upon answering questions presented by City Attorney Hagen, the following was offered.

***Motion to approve the findings of fact: Julia Bell                      Second: Becky Gray    Vote: All Ayes***

Resolution 1010A-2016 which approves 10 year tax abatement to Brookside Furniture was offered.

***Motion to approve Resolution 1010A-2016: Chris Fought                      Second: Julia Bell    Vote: All Ayes***

**Plan Commission – Unfavorable Zoning Recommendation**

Building Inspector Earle Franklin presented a Certificate of Recommendation from the Plan Commission regarding a rezoning change for property on East Union owned by Aaron and Gregorio Murillo. The Plan Commission's recommendation to rezone from Conservancy to Residential was unfavorable.

***Motion to accept the Plan Commission recommendation and deny the rezoning request: Chris Fought  
Second: Becky Gray                      Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV # 49536-49745**

***Motion to approve: Julia Bell                      Second: Becky Gray    Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Several residents are taking advantage of the new 50-50 sidewalk program. The department has been busy tearing out sidewalks.
- Leaf pick up has begun and will continue through the first week in December.

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- Staff participated in the Safety Day at Fashion Farm as well as Safety Day and the Smoke House at the Primary School.

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- Public Safety Day at Fashion Farm was the largest crowd they have ever had.
- Nick Knafel has been hired as full time pending the PERF application certification. We are hoping to hear back within the week.

**WWTP Superintendent Don Skinner**

- Thanks to the street department staff for hauling the sludge. There were 360 yards. The project went smoothly.

**City Engineer Rick Pharis**

- Pre-construction meeting on the river wall will be held tomorrow. The project will begin in November.
- Two bids on the horse shelter were received. The RDC will award the bid at their November 1 meeting.

**Building Administrator Earle Franklin**

- Rick Nelson, the project manager for Herman and Kittle, said they may start construction on the apartment building this week.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- City Hall offices will be closed on the following days:
  - Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – Election Day
  - Friday, November 11, 2016 – Veteran’s Day

**Mayor Fisel’s Comments**

- Trick or Treat is Halloween from 5:00 until 7:00.
- The first Noble County Veteran’s Court graduation will be Wednesday, November 2 at 2:30
- A Noble County thank you event for the Indiana Bicentennial will be Thursday, November 3 at Sylvan Centers.

**New Business**

**Water Department Presentation**

Water Department Superintendent Jeff Boyle gave a presentation on the water department; including water works history and the need for the project to make improvements.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought*

*Second: Julia Bell*

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Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

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Patricia Fisel, Mayor