

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney

Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council President Chris Fought

Minutes from previous meeting of February 12, 2024

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

2023 Annual Report – Ligonier Civil City and City of Ligonier Redevelopment Authority

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn prepared the Annual Gateway Reports for the Ligonier Civil City and the City of Ligonier Redevelopment Authority (which is now required to be in a separate report). Copies were distributed to members of the council. She asked them to review and grant approval to submit the reports.

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Police Department Annual Report

Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer informed council that the department was awarded certification and is the first small agency in Indiana to earn the credentials. This means we are following the best policies and procedures in the state. He stated he is proud of the department, but even prouder that they have set the standard for departments our size throughout the state. He then proceeded to present the 2023 Annual Police Department Annual Report.

Claim Registers – APV # 70105-70173

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Volunteers have started their picture fund raiser. They will not be going door to door this year; they are just sending mailers.
- Severe weather preparedness week is coming up. The tornado siren testing will be March 12.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- We have a crew lined up to repair the water leak under the river, they should start next week. We will be putting a hydrant on the line along the river next week.
- The meter reading system is working well. It has been helpful for the utility office staff to be able to easily pull up an account when the customer is here and show them they have a leak.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- Anticipating the project start, we have had issues with a couple of pumps in the plant. The company pulled the pumps – one needs to be repaired and the quote is going to the Board of Works this week. One is no longer working. Hoping the equipment holds out until the project starts. April 1 is the scheduled start date.

Park Director John Parrish

- Busy working in the buildings. Had a company come and do safety testing of the basketball backboards. They spent nine hours testing and making repairs. There are about 4 backboards that will need to be replaced.
- The Winter Indoor Sale was last Saturday.
- Beginning to prep the baseball fields.
- Started redoing the soccer goals in Kenney Park and working with Countryscapes on the drainage tiles in the soccer field at Woodlawn. A quote is going to Board of Works this week.
- Concrete repairs are approved and scheduled at Woodlawn Park.

Building Administrator Elroy Mast

- Anticipate a busy spring and summer. West Noble is doing some construction, the Family Express project will be starting, and there are still homes going up.
- Burnout House Update
 - 605 N Main – a permit for demo has been issued.
 - 705 N Main Rose property – there is someone interested in purchasing the property and doing the tear down.
 - Martin Street – waiting on insurance so they can tear down and build a new home.
 - West Second – City Attorney Birch stated we will start inspection process.

Council Member David Cisney

- Fun to hear all of the things we are doing behind the scenes and appreciate the updates. Thanks to all of you for all that you do.

Council Member Brian Hite

- Thanks to Chief Shearer for the report, always appreciate the information each year.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Cameras are up and working at the recycle center. We have been able to make identification of violations through the license plate reader. NE Indiana Solid Waste District may also be putting a fence up later this year.
- We have had the initial meeting with an architect on the childcare facility.
- We also met with the architect on the design for the development on the land purchased from the Community Foundation. We are pleased with the concept and feel it will go over really well. There are apartments, single family housing, cottage style housing, a club house, walking trails, and a pond. Really pleased with the way the streets were designed to go through the community with no straight through ways that would promote speeding.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor