

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 8, 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 Chris Fought, Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney  
Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Minutes from previous meeting of March 25, 2024**

*Motion to approve: David Cisney      Second: Chris Fought      Vote: All Ayes*

**Unfinished Business**

**Mainstreet Ligonier Request**

In the meeting of March 25, 2024, Mainstreet Ligonier made a request to the city for \$2500 to get established with the promotion of downtown business, economic development, historic preservation, and continuous improvement of downtown Ligonier. The topic was tabled to review the availability of funding. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn reviewed and there is funding appropriated in CEDIT that can be used.

*Motion to approve the donation of \$2500 to Mainstreet Ligonier: Chris Fought*

*Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes with the exception of David Cisney who abstained due his connection with the Mainstreet Ligonier Board.*

*Motion to allow the closure of Main Street from Third Street to Fifth Street to the south and Station Street and Fourth Street to the entrance of Pak a Sak, and use of the former fire station bays: Chris Fought*

*Second: Doretta Wiegand      Vote: All Ayes*

**New Business**

**April 15 TIF Report from the Ligonier Redevelopment Commission**

As per the new directive from the state, the April 15 TIF report from the Ligonier Redevelopment Commission was formally presented in the meeting by RDC Secretary Bryan Shearer.

**Claim Registers – APV # 70376-70451**

*Motion to approve: David Cisney      Second: Matt Kreager      Vote: All Ayes*

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- We are building a fence around the Recycle Center with fencing donated by WNSC.
- We are busy picking trash up in the industrial park for mowing season.

**WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague**

- The project has not yet started but we are hopeful that it will start next week.

**Park Director John Parrish**

- We are doing prep work in the parks for the summer season.
- The concrete work in Woodlawn Park has started. The ADA ramp at the Woodlawn Park building and rail was completed today.
- The soccer season has started and the restrooms in Kenney Park are open. We will open the restrooms in the other parks this week.
- The restroom floors in Kenney Park will be coated so they are easier to keep clean.
- The nets on the pickle ball courts will be installed next week. The benches are in place.

**Council Member Matt Kreager**

- The fountain installation began today, and we anticipate it will take the week to complete. It will be a while before the water will be added as the sealant needs to be applied in warmer weather and will need to dry completely before water can be added.

**Council President Chris Fought**

- Chris inquired about the Wi-Fi downtown in the ARPA project. Gary Cox stated we are waiting on Ligtel. They have the equipment to test, and he will check into the matter.
- Good job Bryan on the TIF report.

**Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

- Still have a drag strip on north side of town on the SR 5 curve near her animal clinic, especially around the time the school bus lets off across from the clinic in the afternoon.

**Mayor Earle Franklin**

- We had a meeting with Daniel Blevins and Jonathan Moen regarding the Veteran's Memorial. Daniel will donate one of the dies worth \$25,000 towards the memorial. We will be presenting to RDC this week in hopes they will be willing to cover the costs. Will have a meeting in a few weeks to go over additional plans.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought*

*Second: David Cisney*

*Vote: All Ayes*



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor