

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, December 23, 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 President Chris Fought, Council Members Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, and David Cisney
Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn
Absent: Council Member Matt Kreager

Minutes from the previous meeting of December 9, 2024

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Council Appointments to Redevelopment Commission for 2025

The Council has two appointments annually to the Redevelopment Commission.

Motion to appoint David Cisney and Chris Fought: Doretta Wiegand

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Appointments to Redevelopment Commission for 2025

The mayor has three appointments to the Redevelopment Commission along with a non-voting West Noble School Board appointment. Mayor Franklin appointed John Mangona, Bryan Shearer, and Earle Franklin as well as Joe Hutsell from the WN School Board.

Ordinance 1017-2024 (Amended 2025 Salary Ordinance)

Ordinance 1017-2024 amends the 2025 Salary Ordinance to add a stipend for the Police Department Accreditation Manager and revises the verbiage regarding the HSA contributions to employees participating in the high deductible insurance plan.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1017-2024 on the first reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1017-2024 on the second reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1017-2024 on the third and final reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV # 72258-72331

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Worked with the electric company, and all of the Christmas lights downtown are now lit.

City Attorney Jack Birch

- A third-party company has made a proposal to buy out the Verizon Wireless lease for the Water Tower for approximately \$248,000 upfront and Verizon renews every five years. The consensus of the council is not to pursue it.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Family Express has started moving dirt on their project.
- The former BRC building is being demolished.
- WWTP Project is coming along. At the progress meeting the only things to complete are finish work. The department used the new lab for the first time today. Hope to be done by 1/20/25.
- Appreciate everything and the way everyone works together as a team.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor