

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025 · 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, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney
Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from the meeting of February 24, 2025

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

Claim Registers – APV #72758-72820

Motion to approve: David Cisney Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The street sweeper was repaired/refurbished, and it is now back. We have had it out cleaning the streets.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Fire Department is out doing a control burn this evening.
- Tomorrow, March 11 at approximately 10:15, there will be a statewide tornado siren test.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The two new employees, Bryan and Sam, are doing well in their apprenticeship program. They just ended their first semester. We received a grant from The Alliance Apprenticeship Assistance Program for one employee which will cover up to \$108,492 in wages for two years, the cost of 288 hours of training expenses (course fees and textbooks) up to \$8,500, the cost of a laptop up to \$900.
- We need to get both of them in a CDL program. Work One has a grant for CDL training and we have begun the process.

WWTP Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski

- Andrew is doing well with his apprentice program at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- With the break in the weather, we hope to get the outside work from the plant project finished. We will hold an open house when everything has been completed.

Park Director John Parrish

- Pickle Ball Courts are now open.
- Have priced a new playset for Madden Park and it is \$77,000. The company we purchase from, Sinclair, has a grant of \$22,000. Looking into another grant to cover the remaining cost.

City Engineer Rick Pharis/John Nelson

- Waiting on the receipt of the Community Crossings Grant funds to have a pre-con meeting and sign the notice to proceed.

Council Member David Cisney

- Thanks to the department head for the updates. Appreciate what you all do on a daily basis.

Council President Chris Fought

Asked about the fire department cleaning the sidewalks. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer stated we are planning to dedicate a downtown cleanup day and that will be included.

Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- Has had inquiries again regarding the hole on Mercer Street. WWTP Superintendent Ben Glowinski spoke with someone today regarding a repair but will get it filled until the repair can be completed.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- HB1167 requiring live meetings and archiving of the meetings goes into effect July 1, 2025. This law requires all city public meetings which take place in the council chambers to be live streamed and recorded. We have been researching companies to assist in fulfilling the requirement. River Systems is the company we will be recommending that the Board of Works approve. They have the state contract and were able to provide quotes for the Zoom Government Streaming and Archiving Licenses along with the Video System, Audio System, Control System with three years of maintenance, help desk support, expedited parts replacement, and software updates for \$620 per month.
- Council members acknowledged receipt of the January 2025 fund and bank reconciliation reports.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Called Northeast Waste Management today regarding the Recycle Center and left a message. Their staff was picking up items on the ground one day last week and stopped and talked with one of our police officers. The hauling company is supposed to be picking up Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We are monitoring this and hope to resolve the issues soon.
- There was a meeting of the Main Street Ligonier group last week. We were encouraged by the turnout. Some of the concerns from the downtown business were that all of the events held last year did not draw people to Cavin Street. It was determined this year to focus on the downtown, incorporate store owners to get them involved. We hope to have some cleanup days with volunteers helping to move the clutter out of the window fronts and clean the windows and sidewalks. Then work with the building owners to keep it clean.


Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Clsney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor