

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2025 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Call to Order

Mayor Earle Franklin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

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

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

Minutes from the meeting of April 28, 2025

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Riverside Villa – Real Property

Hershberger Properties – Real and Personal Property

Infinite Resources – Personal Property

The council reviewed the CF-1 forms submitted for real property tax abatement compliance by all three companies.

Motion to approve CF-1's submitted by all three companies: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Resolution 0512-2025 – Ligonier TIF-EDC (Shrock) Reimbursement Resolution

This resolution declares the official intent to reimburse or pay the costs of the Shrock Construction Project using bond proceeds.

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 1021-2025 – Stop Sign-Jackson Street at Grant Street

This ordinance amends the city's traffic control schedule to designate Jackson Street as a stop street at its intersection with Grant Street.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1021-2025 on the first reading: Matt Kreager

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: Matt Kreager

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1021-2025 on the second reading: Matt Kreager

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1021-2025 on the third and final reading: Matt Kreager

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Acknowledgement of April 2025 Fund and Bank Reconciliation Reports

The council acknowledged the inclusion of the April 2025 Fund and Bank Reconciliation Reports in the meeting packet.

Claim Registers – APV #s 73218-73346

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Two officers will be recognized at the June 8, 2025 meeting.
- 117 grass violation letters have been sent out. The goal is to encourage property owners to mow their lawns before city crews are required to intervene.

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The fire department cleaned downtown sidewalks and streets.

Wastewater Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski

- A backlit sign, similar to those used by the Water and Street Departments, is being ordered.
- An open house for the new wastewater plant will be scheduled soon.

Council Member Matt Kreager

- Expressed thanks for the downtown cleanup efforts.

Council Member Brian Hite

- Noted visibility concerns at the corner of Center and Third Streets due to parked cars. Requested evaluation.
- Chief Shearer will assess the issue.

Council President Chris Fought

- Raised a question about food truck regulations at the Plan Commission.
- City Attorney Jack Birch advised that state regulations cover health and safety, while the Plan Commission may consider zoning and operational regulations. Suggested consulting the Plan Commission's attorney.

Council Member David Cisney

- Thanked the fire department for downtown cleanup.
- Reported on the May 24th Main Street Ligonier event focused on storefront window cleaning and downtown improvement. Participation from business owners was appreciated, with a focus on community service.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Announced the appointment of Laura Kaufman as City Attorney, effective July 1, 2025, succeeding Jack Birch.
- Thanked everyone involved in the city's cleanup efforts.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor