

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 9, 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 Members Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney

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

Absent: Council President Chris Fought

**Minutes from the meeting of May 12, 2025**

***Motion to approve: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**Police Department – Police Officer Recognition**

Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer recognized School Resource Officer Chris Shearer with a **Letter of Commendation** for his outstanding service to the students and staff of West Noble Schools. SRO Shearer has gone above and beyond in his role, particularly through his initiative to expand the *Handle with Care* program in Noble County.

SRO Chris Shearer gave a brief overview of the program. It serves as a bridge between first responders and schools, helping ensure that students who have experienced traumatic events receive care and support the following day. Officers and first responders are provided with a QR code to report incidents, notifying SROs and school administrators in advance so that teachers and staff can prepare to support the affected students. The program has already seen numerous submissions and is providing meaningful assistance to the school community.

**JSCC Properties CF-1 Real Property & Superior Coatings CF-1 Personal Property**

CF-1 filings for real and personal property were submitted by JSCC Properties and Superior Coatings. The filings were missed previously due to oversight by their CFO.

***Motion to approve: David Cisney***

***Second: Brian Hite***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Ordinance 1020-2025 – Building Permit Fees Update**

Building Administrator Elroy Mast provided a new Building Permit Fee Schedule for Ordinance 1020-2025, to update the fees, which had not been revised since 2011.

***Motion to approve Ordinance 1020-2025 on the first reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 1020-2025 on the second reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to approve Ordinance 1020-2025 on the third and final reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV #s 73347-73449**

***Motion to approve: Brian Hite***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- The new Welcome Signs are being installed this week.

**Park Director John Parrish**

- Baseball games begin this week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Reported some vandalism in Kenney Park, which has been passed along to the police department for further attention.

**Council Member Matt Kreager**

- Commended the Police Department for their leadership in the community.

**Council Member Brian Hite**

- Echoed Matt's commendation of the Police Department.

**Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

- Expressed concern about water starting to accumulate at the Viaduct again, noting that while it has not been too bad yet, she is worried about potential issues with the catch basin.

**Council Member David Cisney**

- Offered congratulations to SRO Chris Shearer.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Also offered congratulations to SRO Chris Shearer.
- Provided a brief update on livestreaming and related efforts.

**Mayor Earle Franklin**

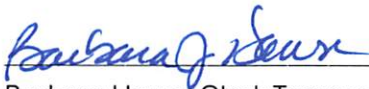
- Announced that he has been in discussions with Northeast Indiana Solid Waste regarding possible solutions for the recycling program, noting that it will take significant work.
- Congratulated Chris Shearer on his commendation, adding that both he and Grant Moser are doing a great job in the schools.

**Adjournment**

***Motion to adjourn: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor