

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, June 23, 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 June 9, 2025

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 1022-2025 (Redistricting of Councilmanic Districts)

We are required to redistrict our councilmanic districts following each U.S. Census to ensure fair and equal representation. Due to delays caused by COVID-19, the deadline for completing this process was extended to July 1, 2025. The new district boundaries have been finalized, and Ordinance 1022-2025 officially adopts the updated councilmanic districts.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1022-2025 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1022-2025 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1022-2025 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

WNSC – Request for Parking Restrictions on Streets in new Park Meadow Addition

The new Park Meadow Addition currently allows parking on both sides of the street. However, this has created difficulties for WNSC school buses navigating the neighborhood. As a result, they are requesting that parking be restricted to one side of the street to ensure safe and efficient passage for bus traffic. Following discussion:

Motion to table: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Street Department – Grass Clippings Discussion

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette asked the council to decide whether the department should continue collecting grass clippings from residents. He explained that when clippings are mixed with limbs, the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District (NEISWD) processes the material as compost instead of mulch, which they cannot sell. Mike also noted that making separate trips to collect and sort the materials is too time-consuming for staff. As a result, the council requested that a representative from NEISWD attend a future meeting to provide further clarification and guidance.

Motion to table: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #s 73450-73630

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

AEP has installed decorative streetlights in Park Meadow, enhancing the area with an attractive and polished appearance.

Park Director John Parrish

- We have postponed the Tuesday night baseball games until next Monday due to the extreme heat.

Wastewater Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski

- Advanced Rehab Technologies will begin lining manholes on Water Street, starting at the intersection with Mercer Street and continuing up to Jay Street.

Building Administrator/Inspector Elroy Mast

- A visit to the mill last Friday confirmed that it will begin production in approximately three weeks, with 850 electric motors running simultaneously.
- Family Express is now expected to open sometime in July due to a minor delay.

Council Member Matt Kreager

- The drinking fountain in Kenney Park is scheduled for installation this week.
- Work on the Veteran's Memorial will also begin this week.

Council President Chris Fought

- An inquiry was made regarding the deadline for flower planting this year, specifically related to the Jennie Thompson Gardens. The Jennie Thompson Gardens planting is a contract with their foundation. At this time, no deadline has been established.
- There was also discussion about potentially reopening North Main Street to support future apartment or housing development that may require additional access. According to City Attorney Jack Birch, the street appears to have been vacated. No action is needed at this time, and the matter will be revisited once development plans progress.

Council Member David Cisney

- Inquired about poison hemlock along the walking trail. John Parrish confirmed that it has been addressed. The area between Martin and Gerber has been sprayed and mowed approximately six feet off the trail.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Thank you to City Attorney Jack Birch for his dedicated service to the City. We extend our best wishes to him as he embarks on his new venture.

City Attorney Jack Birch

- Thank you and it was a pleasure working with you. I will miss attending this meeting.

Mayor Earle Franklin

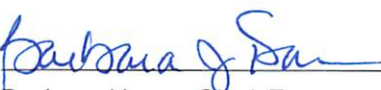
- The Main Street Ligonier group will be washing downtown windows starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 28
- Sgt. Roque's memorial dedication will take place on Saturday, June 28 at 11:00 a.m. at the Memorial Garden at West Noble (between the High School and Middle School).

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor