

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, July 28, 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 Laura Kaufman, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

**Minutes from the meeting of July 14, 2025**

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

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Unfinished Business**

**Compost Site – City Pick-Up of Brush and Grass**

The item was tabled from the previous meeting for further discussion.

- Street Superintendent Mike Burdette confirmed that brush and grass are picked up together in the same pass through the city.
- He indicated that the department makes 2–3 passes per week and that separate passes for grass and brush would not be feasible, as it would leave the city looking unkempt.
- Council Member David Cisney emphasized the importance of maintaining the service for residents.
- Mayor Franklin agreed and stated that the city will continue doing its best without devoting excessive time to separating debris.

**New Business**

**Ordinance 1023-2025 (UTV Usage)**

This ordinance was introduced to regulate the operation of Utility Task Vehicles (UTVs) within city limits, similar to the Golf Cart Ordinance.

- UTVs will be permitted on roadways with a required permit fee.
- There was discussion as to the hours UTVs should be prohibited from driving in the city which led to the following:

***Motion to revise the hours that UTVs are prohibited from midnight–6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m. and pass Ordinance 1023-2025 on the first reading: Chris Fought***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to Suspend the Rules: Chris Fought***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1023-2025 on the second reading: Chris Fought***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1023-2025 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Ordinance 1025-2025 (Street Regulations/Signs in Park Meadow)**

This ordinance establishes new parking restrictions and adds a stop sign in the Park Meadow area:

**Restricted Parking:**

- Grand Teton Place: No parking on the west side, from Park Meadow Drive to Bryce Circle.
- Bryce Circle: No parking on the south side, from Grand Teton Place to Park Meadow Drive.
- Zion Hill Road: No parking on the east side, from Bryce Circle to Jennifer Drive.

**Stop Sign Addition:**

- Zion Hill Road at Bryce Circle

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1025-2025 on the first reading: Brian Hite***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Motion to Suspend the Rules: Brian Hite**

**Second: David Cisney**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Motion to pass Ordinance 1025-2025 on the second reading: Brian Hite**

**Second: David Cisney**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Motion to pass Ordinance 1025-2025 on the third and final reading: Brian Hite**

**Second: David Cisney**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Claim Registers – APV #s 73775-73826**

**Motion to approve: David Cisney**

**Second: Matt Kreager**

**Vote: All Ayes**

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- Preparing an incident action plan for the Marshmallow Festival.
- Additional security measures include 18 concrete barriers donated by Ozinga (to be picked up by the Street Department).
- The Board of Zoning Appeals discussed the property at 901 Lincolnway West. Zoning is R4 Residential with a prior variance.
  - The owner missed the meeting. He will be contacted to file for a use variance to continue the operation of the repair shop.
  - The operators were instructed to clean up the site and operate as a repair shop, not a junkyard.

**Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

Asked about the upcoming burn ordinance.

- Response: Ordinance in progress. Permits only campfires with all-natural wood. No burning of leaves or trash.

**Mayor Earle Franklin**


- Reported a successful Main Street clean-up day on Saturday. Still working on engaging downtown business owners. Projects include power washing and window work at the Visitor's Center. Thanked Bryan Shearer and Casey Runyon for their help with the clean-up effort at the Visitor's Center.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought**

**Second: David Cisney**

**Vote: All Ayes**



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor