

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, September 22, 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 – Public Hearing for 2026 Budget

Mayor Earle Franklin called the Public Hearing for the 2026 Budget to order. A brief recap was given by Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn. There were no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

Call to Order – Common Council Meeting

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 September 8, 2025

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Parkview Shared Clinic Update

A formal contract from Parkview for the shared clinic was received and reviewed by City Attorney Kaufman. She confirmed that all concerns previously raised were addressed. Bryan Shearer noted that although the City had hoped the clinic would be operational in Ligonier by the third quarter of this year, Parkview cannot have the facility ready until February 1, 2026. The City will not begin making payments until the Ligonier site is operational.

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Members of the Noble County Prosecutor's Office, including Prosecutor James Mowery, Victim Advocate Jasmine Hudgens, and Assistant Victim Advocate Desirea Burdette, were in attendance. Mayor Franklin read a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented the staff with a copy.

Ordinance 1026-2025 (2026 Budget)

The 2026 Budget Ordinance was available for first reading only.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1026-2025 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 1028-2025 (Amending Ordinance Violation Fees)

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer recommended increases to several ordinance violation fees. Ordinance 1028-2025 was presented for passage.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1028-2025 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 pass Ordinance 1028-2025 on the second reading: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1028-2025 on the third and final reading: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Registers – APV #s 47471-74249

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

- October 4, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m. – Annual Police and Fire Softball Game, serving as a food drive for the WN Food Pantry.
- October 12, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m. – Public Safety vs. Carlex softball game, fundraiser for the Humane Society of Noble County.
- October 11, 2025 from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. – Public Safety Day/Touch the Truck event at Fashion Farm.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Thanked other departments for assistance at the Fall City Clean Up.
- Reported Phend and Brown are in town completing the 2025 Paving Project.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Reported 27 changeouts remain from Union Street to Fourth Street on Martin as part of the lead line replacement project. These are being completed ahead of the 2026 paving project.

Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- Commented that the Veteran’s Memorial looks very nice.

Council Member David Cisney

- Thanked department heads for teamwork during the community clean up.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Reported that an advertisement was placed for bids on the City’s trash contract. City Attorney Kaufman prepared the RFP. The bid opening will be October 15, 2026, with tentative award scheduled for the October 22, 2025 Board of Works meeting.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Reported that the local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) contributed a “Liberty Tree” to the City, planted in Prentice Park near the plaque for Revolutionary War Soldier Nathaniel Prentiss. A dedication ceremony was held last Saturday with a good community turnout.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor