

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, November 10, 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 Additional Appropriations – GO Bond

Mayor Earle Franklin called the hearing to order. As there were public comments, the hearing was closed.

Call to Order – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations for 2025 Budget

Mayor Earle Franklin called the hearing to order. As there were public comments, the hearing was closed.

Call to Order

Mayor Earle Franklin called the council meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present: Chris Fought, 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 October 27, 2025

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 1030-2025 (GO Bond Appropriations)

The GO Bond Appropriations Ordinance was passed on the first reading on October 13, 2025 and was available for the second and third readings.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1030-2025 on the second reading: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1030-2025 on the third and final reading: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Ordinance 1033-2025 (Additional Appropriations for 2025 Budget)

The ordinance allows for necessary additional appropriations to the 2025 budget.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1033-2025 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 1033-2025 on the second reading: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1033-2025 on the third and final reading: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 1034-2025 – Amended 2026 Salary Ordinance

Due to an inadvertent oversight, the stipend for the police department accreditation manager was not included in the 2026 Salary Ordinance. Ordinance 1034-2025 amends the salary ordinance to include the stipend.

Motion to pass Ordinance 1034-2025 on the first reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to suspend the rules: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1034-2025 on the second reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to pass Ordinance 1034-2025 on the third and final reading: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Plan Commission Recommendation for Zoning Change of Glacier Run

The Plan Commission provided documentation of their recommendation that council approve a zoning change for the new housing development, Glacier Run. They requested a formal ordinance be prepared for passage at a later meeting.

Motion to approve the zoning change from GB to R3 and direct City Attorney Kaufman to prepare an ordinance: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #s 74519-74623

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Chief Shearer reported that one of the department's vehicles, a 2019 Dodge Charger, is experiencing steering issues that would require significant repair costs. He obtained a quote from John Jones for a replacement vehicle at a total cost of \$39,234.50, which includes a \$4,500 trade-in allowance for the current vehicle. He will be asking the Board of Works for approval on Wednesday.
- Chief Shearer reported that one of the City's police vehicles was involved in an accident on Saturday. The officer sustained only minor injuries. The insurance estimate has not yet been received; however, it is assumed that the vehicle will be considered a total loss.
- Chief Shearer also expressed appreciation to Keith Kizer of Foster's Garage for coming in on Sunday to perform an emergency hose repair on one of the department's pool vehicles.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Phend & Brown is continuing work on Commerce Drive and West Miller Street.
- Crews are working to continue leaf collection despite recent snowfall.
- Thanks to the other city departments for the assistance with the snow removal.

Council Member Matt Kreager

- Thanks to departments for the speedy clean up after the snowfall.

Council Member Brian Hite

- Echoed thanks for the snowfall clean up.

Council Member David Cisney

- Discussion regarding a recent accident and the need for better markings on North Cavin Street. INDOT had been consulted, and there was some confusion as North Cavin is perceived as a two-lane road, though it has a wide section.
- Chief Shearer will follow up with INDOT regarding improvements here as well as including the north side of State Roads 6 and 33.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The October 2025 Fund and Bank Reconciliation reports were included with the council packet. Council Members acknowledged receipt.
- Three bids were received today for the trash 2026-2028 trash service. A recommendation will be made to the Board of Works for their Wednesday meeting.

Mayor Earle Franklin

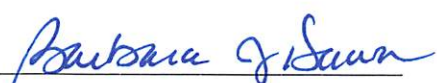
- Mayor Franklin thanked the department heads for their collaborative efforts in handling the recent snowfall.
- The Mayor also expressed appreciation for the kind words offered regarding the passing of his sister.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor