

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, December 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

Mayor Earle Franklin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present: Council President Chris Fought, Council Members Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, and David Disney

Also Present: Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Laura Kaufman, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council Member Matt Kreager

Minutes from the meeting of December 8, 2025

Motion to approve: David Disney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Board Appointments for 2026

Redevelopment Commission

Appointments to the Redevelopment Commission are annual, therefore all five positions were up for appointment.

Mayor – Three

Mayor Franklin reappointed John Mangona, Bryan Shearer, and Earle Franklin.

Council – Two

The council offered the following to appoint members for 2026.

Motion to appoint David Disney and Chris Fought: Doretta Wiegand

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

Economic Development Commission

Mayor – One

One position is a one-year appointment. Mayor Franklin reappointed Mary Wysong.

Redevelopment Authority

Mayor – One

One position is up for renewal this year. Mayor Franklin reappointed Chris Shearer.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor – One

A resignation from Mike Guerrera left an open position on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Franklin appointed Mike Howard to fill remainder of the term.

Acknowledgement of November Fund and Bank Reconciliation Reports

Council members acknowledged the receipt of the November Fund and Reconciliation Reports included in their meeting packet.

Claim Registers – APV #s 74832-74914

Motion to approve: David Disney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Park Director John Parrish

- Thanked the Mayor, Council, and City staff for their support throughout the year.
- Expressed appreciation for all the help provided by other departments to the Parks Department.

Building Administrator Elroy Mast

- Expressed appreciation for the City of Ligonier and stated it is a great city to be a part of.
- Announced his resignation effective at the end of the year but noted he will remain in the position until a replacement is hired, with some adjustments to hours.
- Stated his biggest concern is downtown and hopes to see it filled and prospering.
- Thanked the Council and staff and stated it has been good working with everyone.

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Council Member Brian Hite

- Thanked Elroy Mast for staying on during the transition.
- Commented on the positive improvements seen in the community over the past year.

Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- Thanked department heads for their work.
- Specifically thanked Elroy Mast for assistance provided to her and her daughter.

Council Member David Cisney

- Thanked department heads for the improvements made throughout the year.
- Encouraged continued focus on small improvements that make a difference.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Reported that a transfer resolution for intra-fund appropriations will be ready for consideration at the first January 2026 meeting.
- Stated that encumbrances to move appropriations from 2025 to 2026 for incomplete projects will be presented.
- Reported that trash containers began arriving that day.
- Requested Council consideration of a “Christmas Bonus” for full-time employees beginning in 2026.
- Provided a worksheet outlining total costs by fund for a proposed \$250 per employee bonus.
- Explained that obtaining vendor-donated gifts or gift cards has become more difficult and noted that some vendors are asked to contribute to multiple city parties.
- Stated that a cash bonus would be a meaningful added benefit and could be presented at the annual Christmas lunch.

Mayor Earle Franklin

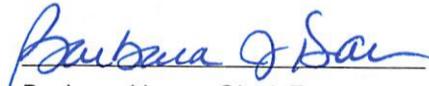
- Thanked all departments and staff for their work.
- Commented that the Christmas lunch was very successful and thanked VS Engineering for sponsoring the event.
- Stated that good things are happening in the City and expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor

