

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, February 23, 2026 · 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 Members Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney

Also Present: Mayor Earle Franklin and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Absent: Council President Chris Fought and City Attorney Laura Kaufman

**Minutes from the meeting of February 9, 2026**

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

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**Ordinance 1040-2026 (Amended Salary Ordinance)**

The ordinance was prepared to include a stipend to the Police Administrative Assistant for assistance with the accreditation process and a longevity bonus for full-time employees who attain 25 years of service.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1040-2026 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 1040-2026 on the second reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1040-2026 on the third and final reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Ordinance 1041-2026 (Amended 50-50 Sidewalk Ordinance)**

The revised 50/50 Sidewalk Program ordinance removes the formal bidding requirement and instead authorizes the City to obtain written quotes for the work, as the total project cost does not meet the statutory threshold requiring competitive bidding.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1041-2026 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 1041-2026 on the second reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1041-2026 on the third and final reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Doretta Wiegand***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Annual Financial Report Submittal Approval**

A copy of the annual financial report from the Indiana Gateway for both the Ligonier Civil City and Ligonier Redevelopment Authority were provided to members for their review. Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn asked for approval to submit the reports as is noting there will be amendments to the capital assets at a later date.

***Motion to approve submittal of the annual financial report in the Indiana Gateway: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Acknowledgement of Fund and Bank Reconciliation Reports**

Fund and Bank Reconciliation Reports for December 2025 and January 2026 were provided in the council packet to members for their review. They acknowledged receipt.

**Claim Registers – APV #s 75257-75359**

*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**

- Thank you for approving the longevity bonus to the salary ordinance. It will be a good recruitment tool.

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Thanks to the other departments again for help with this last snow.

**Park Director John Parrish**

- The playset for Madden Park was moved from the over the winter storage and should be installed this week. Thank you to Matt Kreager and the other city departments for their help in moving it today.

**Council Member Matt Kreager**

- Appreciate all the hard work keeping the streets cleaned and extra hours.

**Council Member Brian Hite**

- Echoed Matt Kreager’s comment.

**Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

- Echoed Matt Kreager’s comment.

**Council Member David Cisney**

- Echoed Matt Kreager’s comment.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Will be attending classes in Plainfield and Robin Galloway will be filling in at classes next meeting

**Mayor Earle Franklin**

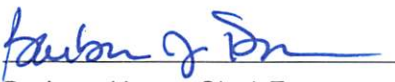
- Thanks to the departments for way you work together to keep the snow off of the streets.
- Thanks to Bryan Shearer for attending the AIM Legislative Dinner while I was out of town.

**Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn: David Cisney*

*Second: Matt Kreager*

*Vote: All Ayes*

  
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
Earle Franklin, Mayor