

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, April 13, 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 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 March 23, 2026**

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

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**April 15 TIF Report**

Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-7-14-13, the Ligonier Redevelopment Commission hereby provides to the Ligonier Common Council, Mayor Earle Franklin, and the Department of Local Government Finance. The report was included in the April 13 meeting packet. Redevelopment Commission Secretary Bryan Shearer presented the report at the meeting.

**Ordinance 1042-2026 (Stop Sign)**

Ordinance 1042-2026 was prepared to add two stop signs on Commerce Drive.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1042-2026 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 1042-2026 on the second reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1042-2026 on the third and final reading: David Cisney***

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Resolution 0413-2026 (Transfer of Funds to Community Foundation of Noble County)**

The council previously approved an agreement with the Community Foundation of Noble County to establish a fund dedicated to opioid remediation. Resolution 0413-2026 approves the transfer of those funds and authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to execute all documents necessary.

***Motion to approve Resolution 0413-2026: Matt Kreager***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Resolution 0413A-2026 (Authorizing the use of Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) under IC § 5-23)**

This resolution, under the provisions of Indiana Code § 5-23, authorizes public-private agreements for the development, financing, construction, operation, and transfer of public infrastructure and facilities; and allows the city to evaluate potential Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) projects.

***Motion to approve Resolution 0413A-2026: Chris Fought***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Claim Registers – APV #s 75554-75701**

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

***Second: Doretta Wiegand***

***Vote: All Ayes***

## Comments by Members of Council and Administration

### Park Director John Parrish

- The concrete work at Gazebo Park has been completed. The Gazebo will come in sections and be installed in May. The landscaping will start in June.

### Council Member Matt Kreager

- Hope to have the fountain running by the end of this week.

### Council Member Doretta Wiegand

- Asked about road closed signs at Miller and Martin Streets. Mike Burdette commented that they are the signs rerouting walking traffic due to the new stop light installations. He will check with the crew tomorrow.

### Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- The signed contract from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for CCMG project funding has been received. The project bid was awarded to Phend & Brown, which came in below the engineer's estimate. Contracts have been executed and submitted to INDOT. Grant funds are expected to be received in the near future, with an anticipated project start date in early July.
- The Redevelopment Commission is working with Lisa Lee of Ice Miller and Heidi Amspaugh of Baker Tilly to amend the declaratory resolution to include the former Community Foundation property within the City's Economic Revitalization Area (ERA). This amendment will allow the use of TIF funds for pre-construction costs associated with the housing development. As the process moves forward, related documents will be presented to the Council at both June meetings.
- Discussion was held regarding food truck operations on City property. It was stated by Park Director John Parrish that food trucks have been permitted to operate in designated park areas with prior authorization. Most vendors utilize their own generators, though some may require electrical access. The board discussed the need to develop an ordinance governing food truck operations on City property. It was noted that food trucks should not compete with existing concession operations and, therefore, would not be permitted to set up at Kenney Park when concessions stands are open and preferably only in support of approved events or fundraisers.  
Bryan Shearer indicated that he would address topic at an upcoming regional chiefs meeting and see if he can get some sample ordinances. Barb Hawn indicated that the clerk's list serve has provided sample ordinances in the past and she will pass them on to City Attorney Kaufman.

### Mayor Earle Franklin

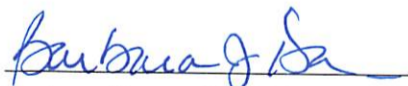
- The dedication ceremony for the Veteran's Memorial will be held at Noon on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026. Following the ceremony, a wreath will be placed in the river at the landing area.
- In partnership with the Noble County Health Department, a proclamation has been issued declaring April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- The traffic signal project is nearing completion. Upon completion of the downtown project, work can begin on the city hall sidewalk project.

### Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn: David Cisney*

*Second: Chris Fought*

*Vote: All Ayes*

  
Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

  
Earle Franklin, Mayor