

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, June 8, 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 May 11 ,2026**

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

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**New Business**

**Resolution 0608-2026 (Ligonier TIF-Council Approving Plan Commission Order)**

Resolution 0608-2026 approves the Plan Commission Order which states that Redevelopment Commission Amending Declaratory Resolution 0513RDC-2026 conforms to the Comprehensive Plan of development for the city.

***Motion to approve: Chris Fought***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Ordinance 1043-2026 (Amending Traffic Regulations on Pigeon Street)**

Ordinance 1043-2026 amends the traffic regulations on Pigeon Street by not allowing semi-trucks/trailers on Pigeon beginning at its intersection with Water Street and continuing until its terminus.

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1043-2026 on the first reading: Matt Kreager***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to suspend the rules: Matt Kreager***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1043-2026 on the second reading: Matt Kreager***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

***Motion to pass Ordinance 1043-2026 on the third and final reading: Matt Kreager***

***Second: David Cisney***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**CF-1 – Tenneco Automotive (Personal Property)**

Tenneco Automotive provided a CF-1 compliance for personal property.

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

***Second: Brian Hite***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Resolution 0608A-2026 (Transfer of Funds)**

Resolution 0608A-2026 allows for the transfer of the city's matching grant funds to the Local Road and Matching Grant Fund for the Community Crossings Project in the amount of \$159,176.47.

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

***Second: Matt Kreager***

***Vote: All Ayes***

**Acknowledgement of TIF No Pass-Through Letter**

The Redevelopment Commission provided a letter stating that there would be no TIF pass through to overlapping units for 2026. Members received a copy of the letter in their packet and acknowledged so.

**Claim Registers – APV #s 75936-76083**

***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**

- Will be presenting the 2026-2027 School Year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with West Noble School Corporation for the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Under the agreement, the school corporation will pay 50% of the wages and benefits for the two SRO officers.
- Met with a local business owner regarding the need for additional parking spaces. The owner indicated there has been insufficient parking. Chief Shearer will be requesting approval to add parking spaces in the former horse parking spaces, noting that the project would benefit local businesses as well as the Community Foundation. He recommended approval of the request.
- Reported that he was caucused into the Mayor's position last week. He stated that while the position is different, the mission remains the same. He has met with several department heads and expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity. Stated that he is looking forward to serving the community in his new role.
- Announced his retirement from the Police Department after 29 years of service. His first day of retirement from law enforcement will be July 28, 2026.

### **Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Discussed the need for additional parking associated with Community Foundation activities.
- Recommended parking restrictions on Third Street and Main Street between Third Street and the area of the former Fire Station ramp during business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Noted that Station Street is currently designated as no parking from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays from May through October for the Farmers Market and will review the ordinance language.

### **Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- Reported that only one block remains to complete the lead service line replacement project on Martin Street.
- Stated that VS Engineering will compile the next list streets to be paved and include the list of lead service line replacements so the department can stay ahead of future projects.
- Commented positively on newer department employees, noting that they are performing well and are increasingly able to work independently.
- Announced that he recently completed 43 years of service and thanked everyone for their support.

### **Council Member Matt Kreager**

- Congratulated Bryan Shearer on being caucused into the Mayor's position and stated he looks forward to working with him.
- Expressed appreciation for the work of the department heads.
- Congratulated Jeff Boyle on his 43 years of service.

### **Council Member Brian Hite**

- Congratulated Bryan Shearer.

### **Council President Chris Fought**

- Complimented everyone involved with the Veterans Memorial dedication, noting that the memorial and banners look great.
- Congratulated Bryan Shearer.

### **Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

- Congratulated Bryan Shearer.

### **Council Member David Cisney**

- Discussed concerns regarding EMS response times in portions of Noble County, specifically the west side. He noted that volunteers and first responders have observed delays and that he is working with dispatch to obtain response time data. He stated that the County Commissioners oversee EMS services and that the information gathered may provide valuable insight.
- Expressed appreciation for the efforts of the department heads.
- Stated that he is looking forward to future projects and initiatives.

### **Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- Congratulated Bryan Shearer on his appointment.
- Thanked Brandon Stout for his involvement and assistance with the Veterans Memorial project.

### **City Attorney Laura Kaufman**

- Congratulated Bryan Shearer and stated that she looks forward to working with him.
- Noted that she is approaching her first anniversary serving the City of Ligonier.

### **Mayor Earle Franklin**

- Clarified that his effective retirement date as Mayor will be August 31, 2026, rather than July 31, 2026, due to the requirement that the incoming Mayor have a 30-day separation period for police retirement purposes.

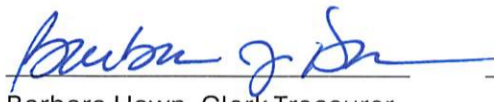
- Congratulated Bryan Shearer.
- Announced that Mike Crossley has been appointed as Police Chief effective July 28, 2026.
- Reported that additional requests have been received from residents wishing to participate in the Veterans Banner Program and expressed hope that additional banners can be installed by Veterans Day.
- Commented on the success of the Veterans Memorial dedication ceremony and expressed appreciation for the strong community turnout and support of the project.

**Adjournment**

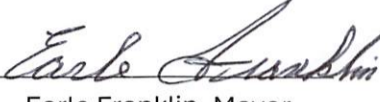
***Motion to adjourn: David Cisney***

***Second: Chris Fought***

***Vote: All Ayes***



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor