

Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2024 · Ligonier City Hall
301 South Cavin Street · Ligonier, IN – 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin

Roll Call

Present: Council Members Chris Fought, Brian Hite, Doretta Wiegand, Matt Kreager, and David Cisney
Mayor Earle Franklin, City Attorney Jack Birch, and Clerk Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of April 22, 2024

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

CF-1 Approvals

West Noble Waste Recovery – RP

Compliance form CF-1 for real property tax abatement was received from West Noble Waste Recovery.

Infinite Resources – PP

Compliance form CF-1 for personal property tax abatement was received from Infinite Resources.

Samuel Herschberger – PP and RP

Compliance forms CF-1 for personal property and real tax abatement were received from Samuel Herschberger.

Members reviewed the forms which led to the following.

Motion to approve CF-1 forms for West Noble Waste Recovery, Infinite Resources, and Samuel Herschberger: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 1007-2024 (Amended Salary Ordinance for 2024)

A typographical error for wages of Secondary Police Relief was discovered in the 2024 Salary Ordinance. Ordinance 1007-2024 amends the original 2024 Salary Ordinance 994-2023.

Motion to approve Ordinance 1007-2024 on the first reading: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to Suspend the Rules: Chris Fought

Second: David Cisney

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 1007-2024 on the second reading: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to approve Ordinance 1007-2024 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes

Claim Registers – APV #70601-70771

Motion to approve: David Cisney

Second: Doretta Wiegand

Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- Fire Dept. will be selling pork burgers at the former Fire Station during the Mainstreet Ligonier event on May 18 from 10-1.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The citywide clean up on Saturday at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Asked the council to allow the certified salary for 1977 Fund members (Police and Fire) to use the newly approved 25 years of longevity (it is currently 24 years of longevity) to determine the certified salary beginning in 2025. City Attorney Jack will prepare a resolution for review and approval.
- We will have police personnel at the Mainstreet Ligonier Event Saturday May 18 from 8:30 – 1:30.
- We will also have police personnel covering the cleanup day on May 18.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- There was a break and water leak last week on Martin and Pontiac Streets that was repaired. There was another break and leak at Second Street and Townline Road this past weekend which is being repaired.

WWTP Superintendent Kenny Sprague

- The plant project has started. They are currently working on flooring and footers.

Council Member Matt Kreager

- The inside of the fountain is sealed. Still need to put the caulking on the outside of the fountain base. We hope to do a water test this week. Mayor Franklin stated we will have a dedication ceremony with the date dependent on the water test.

Council Member David Cisney

- Is concerned about safety on South Cavin Street where it loops around Canton House and Interra Credit Union. Feels we may have potential issues at that spot. Asked that Police Chief/Public Safety Director Bryan Shearer to look into the matter and get information to City Attorney Birch to draft an ordinance.

Council President Chris Fought

- Has been asked why we no longer do curbside pickup. The department heads stated it is because we do not have the manpower to go around and pick the items up and there is no way to limit who is using the service. With the residents taking the items to the drop off location, we can check their utility bill to be sure they are a Ligonier resident.
- Asked if there is anything we can do to help senior citizens. We will look for a service club(s) to assist at future clean ups.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- Received an email from INDOT regarding the upcoming ADA curb ramp reconstruction project along SR5. They want to verify that the city concurs with the addition of ADA curb ramp and accompanying sidewalk improvements to the scope of the project and would like a letter of confirmation.

Motion directing Mayor Earle Franklin to send a confirmation letter to INDOT: David Cisney

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

Mayor Earle Franklin

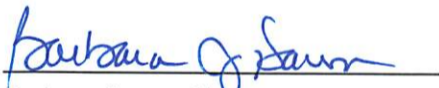
- We had a virtual meeting with Housing Hub and interviewed two potential builders for the development on Lincolnway.
- Received a notice today that Carlex has been selected by IEDC for a \$550,000 tax credit.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Matt Kreager

Vote: All Ayes



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor