

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting**  
**Monday, September 23, 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 – Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations**

The public hearing for additional appropriations was properly advertised in The News Sun. The hearing was opened. No public comments were made, and the hearing was closed by Mayor Franklin.

**Call to order by Mayor Earle Franklin – Common Council Meeting**

**Roll Call**

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

**Minutes from previous meeting of September 9, 2024**

*Motion to approve: David Cisney                                  Second: Matt Kreager                                  Vote: All Ayes*

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance 1013-2024 (Annexation)**

Ordinance 1013-2024 annexing property at the southeast corner of the city, owned by Copper Ridge Estates, was passed on the first reading on September 9, 2024. It was available for the second and third readings.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1013-2024 on the second reading: Chris Fought*  
*Second: David Cisney    Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1013-2024 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought*  
*Second: David Cisney    Vote: All Ayes*

**New Business**

**Ordinance 1015-2024 (Additional Appropriations)**

Ordinance 1015-2024 allows for additional appropriations from the General and CREDIT Funds.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1015-2024 on the first reading: Chris Fought*  
*Second: Matt Kreager    Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to suspend the rules: Chris Fought                  Second: Doretta Wiegand                          Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1015-2024 on the second reading: Chris Fought*  
*Second: Matt Kreager    Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1015-2024 on the third and final reading: Chris Fought*  
*Second: Matt Kreager    Vote: All Ayes*

**Claim Registers – APV # 71611-71709**

*Motion to approve: David Cisney                                  Second: Chris Fought                                  Vote: All Ayes*

**Comments by Members of Council and Administration**

**Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver**

- The bicycle give away sponsored by The Dakich Foundation is this Thursday at West Noble Primary at 6:00 pm

**Street Superintendent Mike Burdette**

- Thanks to the city departments for their help with the city cleanup on Saturday. It went smoothly.
- We will be installing two sidewalks for residents this week on the 50-50 program.

**Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer**

- Police and Fire Softball Game this Saturday at 7:00 pm. We will be collecting canned goods for the food pantry.
- Recycling Center Update. Since the Police Department has had access to the cameras, during the 10-day period from 9/12 to 9/22, 59 total security checks were done on all shifts. With that and camera access, we identified five (5) violators who dumped illegally, during all three shifts. All were residents of the city. We required them to remove the dumped materials. The area is being viewed and checked regularly. In the process of viewing the cameras, we also identified that the carrier that empties the bins is dumping into the trucks and anything that falls on the ground, they are leaving and not picking it up. The mayor met with the director regarding the issue and hopes to get it resolved soon.

**Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle**

- Troy Arnold is retiring from the Water Department this Friday after 27 years.
- Lead inventory required by IDEM and EPA is completed. During the process, over 800 residents with lead or galvanized pipes were identified and we are required to mail letters to them. This may result in phone calls. Our next step is to figure out the number of connections we need to replace each year.

- At the national water conference, PFAS was again a topic. Originally, we were required to do testing for six (6) items but will begin requiring testing for twenty-six (26) with the new rules and regulations coming out. Additional details will be coming soon.

**Park Director John Parrish**

- The flag football program is in progress for the next few weeks.
- The Mexican Independence Day celebration at Kenney Park went well. Their cleanup crew showed up the next morning as per our agreement.
- Kenny Park trail and basketball court were seal coated and striped.

**Building Administrator Elroy Mast**

- 303 Martin went closer to getting the burnout house torn down.

**Council Member David Cisney**

- Thanks to Chief Shearer for the update on the cameras at the Recycle Center.
- Thanks to the city departments for their help with the city cleanup.

**Council Member Doretta Wiegand**

- Inquired about a spot on Mercer Street that was dug up and is stone filled, asked if it will be paved this year. WWTP Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski hopes to be able to have this completed.

**Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn**

- The first November meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2024, which is a city holiday, and offices are closed. Asked the council to consider rescheduling and come back with a date at the next meeting.
- The agreement with Reach Alert has been signed. They have forwarded the documentation to the FCC per their anti-spamming protocol. As soon as this is approved, we will be ready to go. A letter will be sent to residents with their utility bill telling them how to sign up as well as posted on our social media accounts, and website.

**Mayor Earle Franklin**

- Thanks to those who attended the dedication of the fountain. We have received a lot of nice comments about the fountain. Appreciate the work everyone did to make it happen. Thanks to the Redevelopment Commission for funding the fountain, the committee who worked on the design, and Countryscapes for the installation and landscaping work.
- There is a new manufacturer looking at Ligonier. We hope to get them here to review the property.

**Adjournment**

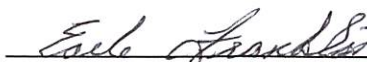
*Motion to adjourn: David Cisney*

*Second: Chris Fought*

*Vote: All Ayes*



Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer



Earle Franklin, Mayor