

**Ligonier Common Council Meeting
Monday, October 14, 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 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 Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of September 23, 2024

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

Unfinished Business

Ordinance 1014-2024 (2025 City Budget)

Ordinance 1014-2024, the 2025 City Budget, was passed on the first reading on September 9, 2024 and was available for passage on the second and third readings.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1014-2024 (2025 Budget) on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1014-2024 (2025 Budget) on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

New Business

Noble County Prosecutor’s Office – Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Eric Murray, Eric Smith, and Natalie Coffee from the Noble County Prosecutors Office were in attendance and asked Mayor Franklin to proclaim October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The mayor presented a proclamation to the team.

Resolution 1014-2024 (Resolution Approving Plan Commission Order)

On September 23, 2024, the Ligonier Plan Commission approved the Redevelopment Commission’s Declaratory Resolution, approving an Economic Development Plan and Housing Program subject to economic development activities. The action of the Plan Commission requires the approval of the Common Council of the City.

Motion to approve Resolution 1014-2024: Matt Kreager Second: Brian Hite Vote: All Ayes

Ordinance 1011-2024 (2025 Salary Ordinance)

Ordinance 1011-2024 (2025 Salary Ordinance) was prepared based on the recommendations made by the Mayor to the Common Council, falling within the constraints of the 2025 budget.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1011-2024 (2025 Salary) on the first reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

Motion to suspend the rules: Chris Fought Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1011-2024 (2025 Salary) on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1011-2024 (2025 Salary) on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

Ordinance 1012-2024 (2025 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance)

Ordinance 1012-2024 (2025 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance) was prepared based on the recommendations made by the Mayor to the Common Council, falling within the constraints of the 2025 budget.

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1012-2024 (2025 Elected Salary) on the first reading: Chris Fought
Second: Matt Kreager Vote: All Ayes*

Motion to suspend the rules: Matt Kreager Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1012-2024 (2025 Elected Salary) on the second reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

*Motion to pass Ordinance 1012-2024 (2025 Elected Salary) on the third and final reading: Chris Fought
Second: David Cisney Vote: All Ayes*

Claim Registers – APV # 71710-71878

Motion to approve: David Cisney Second: Doretta Wiegand Vote: All Ayes

Comments by Members of Council and Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- The Fire Department has been doing fire prevention in the schools this month. We set up the smoke house for the kindergarten today and will be at the pre-school this week.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- The department has begun leaf pick up.
- We had one of our trucks at Safe Kids Day at Fashion Farm.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Bryan Shearer

- Successful Public Safety Day and Touch the Truck Day on Saturday. Attendance down a bit.
- Commented that you may see quite a bit of overtime pay on the next claims register. We have had three major cases in the last month which have taken a considerable amount of overtime. When required, we make sure to meet the needs of the situation.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- Ready to send the letters for the lead and galvanized lines. We are required to send letters to 194 residences with lead lines and to 405 residences with galvanized lines. There are 797 residences with non-lead lines which do not require letters.

WWTP Superintendent Benjamin Glowinski

- Friday was Kenny Sprague's last day. Andrew Magdich was interviewed, offered a position which he accepted and will start on October 28, 2024. Kendra Replogle is looking into becoming a Class 3 licensed operator but will not be attained before the 30 day IDEM requirement. We are working out details with a contract from a company that contracts out their licensed operators. A short term contract with them will ensure we have no issues with IDEM.

Park Director John Parrish

- We have been doing some painting and winterizing in the parks.
- We will be planting trees in Kenney and Madden Parks this year.

Council Member David Cisney

- Main Street Ligonier will be hosting their last event of the season this Saturday. There have been some growing pains, but we are continuing. We did arrange for a beer tent/over 21 area for Saturday's event. We did not initially have this approved by the council. There will be a provider with a liquor license and bartender's license and a state excise permit. The area will be a designated area, and the serving cups will also be designated and not allowed to leave the area. Excise has specific regulations. Would like to have approval from the council to make it official.

Motion to approve: Chris Fought

Second: Brian Hite

Vote: All Ayes

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

- We received notification from the State that all State of Indiana hosted websites will be at no charge beginning October 1, 2024, which was previously \$1,200 per year. We received a refund check of \$300 for the last three months of the year.
- We promoted Reach Alert Notification System on our Social Media site and have enrolled 222 people to date. There will be a flyer in the November billing promoting the notification system as well.

Mayor Earle Franklin

- Thanks to Chief Bryan Shearer and his officers for taking care of matters during a trying time.
- David Cisney and I will be attending a roundtable in Middlebury that covers the OCRA Mainstreet Program.

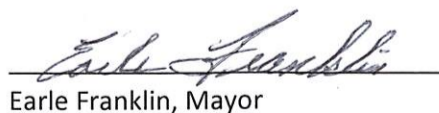
Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: David Cisney

Second: Chris Fought

Vote: All Ayes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer


Earle Franklin, Mayor