



January 15, 2024
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1 and Council President
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Jimmie Eck, Fire Chief
Scott Lanning, Wastewater Superintendent
Vivian Likes, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Darren Alloway, Council District 3

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing for the Proposed Garbage and Recycling Rates**. Hearing no questions or comments from the audience, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:03 pm.

The minutes from the January 2nd meeting were presented. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

DeKalb County Commissioner Mike Watson and Superior Court Judge Adam Squiller presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Pooling of the Opioid Settlement. This proposal creates a committee that would decide a budget and how the opioid funds would be used. Each participating unit would have a representative on the committee. There was discussion. Commissioner Watson will email Clerk-Treasurer Eck the allowed uses of the funds and she will then distribute the document to the Council.

Mayor Hartman requested that the Council table a decision on the MOU until the next meeting. There was more discussion. Council Member Ryan made a motion to table the issue until the



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February 5th meeting and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 1786, An Ordinance Establishing the Garbage and Recycling Collection Rates for the Years 2024, 2025 and 2026, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1786 on its third reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 1779, Revision 1, An Ordinance Correcting the Salary for the Wastewater Superintendent/Interim Water Superintendent for 2024, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1779, Revision 1 and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1779, Revision 1 on its third and final reading by title and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

A proposed Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 1682, Ethic's Policy was introduced for reading again. Council Member Ryan stated that he likes the original ordinance and would like to table first reading because he did not get needed information on it in time. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to table the proposed ordinance until February 5th and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Jimmie Eck reported 20 runs so far this year. I&M has replaced the outdoor lights at the training facility. The property is more visible now. Chief Eck also reported that there was a natural gas leak at the fire station this morning. The building is starting to age and some items will start needing to be repaired or replaced.

City Planner Vivian Likes reported that she is working on updating the City's website. The Fire Department and Police Department have been very helpful with providing her any information that they need updated on the site.

Mrs. Likes also reported that a new flipper has started work at a home on East Oak. She is excited to see how well it turns out.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported 92 incidents since January 2nd.

Code Enforcement Officer Mike Fry presented his year-end report.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline presented a list of items that need to be repaired or replaced throughout the City. See Attachment 1. He requested that the Council let him know if they see anything else that should be on the list.



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Wastewater Superintendent Scott Lanning presented the second half of his annual report. See Attachment 2. He also reported that he plans on putting Zack Cline into the Wastewater Apprenticeship Program once Gavyn Aden is halfway through.

Mr. Lanning stated that Water Supervisor Eric Wilson has been saying for quite some time that a full inventory of services and connections need to be performed for the Water Utility. This will identify any corrections that need to be made in the City's records. He plans on completing the Water Asset Review in the first quarter of this year and a Storm Water Asset Review in the second quarter.

Mr. Lanning is also starting to work on a plan to publish a twice-yearly newsletter similar to what DeKalb Eastern Schools sends out.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck requested that all Elected and Appointed Officials complete new W-4s and an I-9. This is the beginning of a new term and is a good time to make sure that all of their information is up to date.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented the following Public Official Surety Bonds.

Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer	\$195,000
Jimmie Eck, Fire Chief	\$35,000
Connie Bungard, Court Clerk	\$15,000
Lisa LaLonde, Assistant Clerk	\$15,000
Samantha Baker, Police Clerk	\$15,000
Richard Obendorf, Judge	\$15,000
Colleen Hennessey, Utility Clerk	\$85,000
Vivian Likes, City Planner	\$15,000
Jessica Roby, FD Secretary/Treasurer	\$35,000

Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the bonds and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that she had looked over the proposed "Contract for the Conditional Sale of Cemetery Lots" that Mr. Stuckey prepared. She sees no issues with it and asked the Council if they had had time to look it over as well. They replied that they needed further time to consider it.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that she recently discovered that no one had been following the "Order of Business" that is in the Butler City Code. She found it last week. There was discussion on how the Council and Mayor would like to see the agenda from this point forward. Clerk-Treasurer Eck and Mayor Hartman had found several examples where there were two opportunities for the public to speak, once before anything is considered by the Council and once at the end. There was more discussion.



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For next week's agenda, the Public will be given the opportunity to speak about items on the agenda before anything is considered by the Council. Mr. Stuckey will also prepare an ordinance to reflect these changes to the "Order of Business".

There was discussion on how much time the Council would like to have to look at items that are placed on the agenda. Clerk-Treasurer Eck will now finalize the agenda and have items posted to Google Drive one week before the meetings. She will also email everyone once everything has been placed on Drive.

Council Member Gale Ryan resigned as the Mayor's appointment to the Plan Commission.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to appoint Council Member Darren Alloway to the Plan Commission with Council Member Ryan seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to appoint Council Member Gale Ryan to the Plan Commission and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The above appointments to the Plan Commission leave the Council with one more member to appoint.

Mrs. Likes suggested that the Council appoint Eric Wilson to the Plan Commission. He would be a good addition to the Commission because he is familiar with the infrastructure and is a City employee.

Mayor Hartman stated that the Council should not appoint Mr. Wilson tonight to give Scott Lanning time to talk to him about it. Mr. Lanning will then bring Mr. Wilson's answer to the meeting on February 5th.

Mrs. Likes stated that the Council also needs to appoint one member to the Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Stuckey stated that an industry representative would be a good addition. Mrs. Likes suggested Kelly Walters.

Mrs. Likes needs to hold a Redevelopment Commission meeting soon but that two positions still need to be filled, one by the Council and one by the Mayor.

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Hartman if the new trucks will have decals installed soon. Mayor Hartman stated that they will and that he will be going back to the windmill logo.

Mayor Hartman appointed Stuart Mutzfeld to the Plan Commission.

Mayor Hartman stated that he is still looking for someone to appoint to the Redevelopment Commission and also needs a representative for the Council on Aging.



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Mayor Hartman made his committee appointments for 2024. See Attachment 3

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer