



March 4, 2024
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1 and Council President
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Scott Lanning, Wastewater Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Vivian Likes, City Planner
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:10 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hartman swore in Ron Mausteller as the first Part-Time Paid Fire Chief for the City of Butler.

Mayor Hartman also swore in Jimmie Eck, Miles Gerardot, Vince Jacquay, Jessica Roby, Jeff Shultz, Adam Wies and Bailey Wies as Firefighters.

Fire Chief Mausteller announced that Jeff Shultz will be the Assistant Chief, Jimmie Eck will be Division Chief, Brandon Collins will be Captain and Adam and Bailey Wies will be Lieutenants. Chief Mausteller stated that the Fire Department has done a great job with having over 600 runs per year and the number of volunteers currently on the department.

Bob Beck thanked the Firefighters for their service to the community.

Chief Mausteller reminded everyone that the Fire Department would be hosting a fundraiser for Patrick Curcio on Saturday at the Bowling Alley.



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Mayor Hartman presented former Fire Chief Jimmie Eck with a plaque thanking him for serving as Fire Chief in 2008, 2023 and 2024.

The minutes from the February 19th meeting were presented. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from the audience pertaining to agenda items. None.

Proposed Ordinance 1788, An Ordinance for the 41st Codebook Update, for its first reading by title. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1788 on its first reading by title and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1788 on its second reading by title and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to suspend the rules and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1788 on its third reading by title and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 1779, Revision 2, An Ordinance Updating Salaries of the Butler/Wilmington Fire Dept. of the City of Butler, Indiana for the Year 2024, was presented for its first reading by title. There was discussion. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1779, Revision 2 on its first reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that he is working on a vehicle replacement plan but his primary focus will be hiring two full-time firefighters. He would like to hire firefighters that already have training and maybe even EMT certifications. He will also be working on the training center and daily operations. His goal is to have three firefighters working every day, plus himself when he is scheduled.

Assistant Police Chief Cory Rowe reported that new decals are being installed on the police cars. Two new officers started a couple of weeks ago and they will be attending the Police Academy at the same time.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that he is working on getting mulch put down at the parks. The Pre-Ets students will be helping him the week of spring break.

Wastewater Superintendent Scott Lanning reported that Bowen has moved up site restoration work to the middle of March. Harlow will be doing the work on that. He also reported that the paving on East Green at the curve will be replaced because it was damaged during construction activities.



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City Attorney Don Stuckey presented the revised Employee Handbook. It reflects changes made by Shane Mulholland and the removal of the Ethic's Policy. The Council now needs to either approve or disapprove it.

There was discussion. Council Member Ryan's main concern is that the citizens of Butler don't know that the Council eliminated the Ethic's Policy.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the revised Employee Handbook and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck presented checks that are more than two year's old and reported that they have been voided and funds returned to the funds from which they were written.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported the following:

- The Annual Financial Report has been completed.

1. Total Receipts = \$18,664,151.70
2. Total Disbursements = \$18,345,032.59
3. New Debt worth \$5,715,000 was issued.
4. Grant Funding = \$1,621,807.28, which qualifies the City of Butler for its first ever

Federal Audit.

5. Donations to other organizations = \$14,450

6. Capital Assets

- Governmental = \$15,771,849

- Stormwater = \$5,187,719

- Wastewater = \$24,247,971

- Water = \$7,002,632

- The 100R, Annual Compensation Report has been completed. \$1,370,152.21

- December Banks have been reconciled, 20 banks and 94 funds

- Debt Management Report has been completed, 10 leases, bonds and/or loans

- Pension Relief has been requested, \$20,701.20

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that she is working on reducing the number of funds within her reports and will ask the Council to declare some of them dormant in the future. She will also be preparing paperwork for an Additional Appropriation.

Council Member Alloway stated that he will be speaking with the Post Office about mail not always being delivered on the south side of town. There were several days last week where no one received any mail.

Mayor Mike Hartman reported that he is back to trying to find someone for the Redevelopment Commission. He is also still searching for someone for the Economic Development Commission. He stated that the Redevelopment Commission and the Economic Development Commission are



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still able to hold meetings and make decisions because they still constitute a quorum according to Mr. Stuckey.

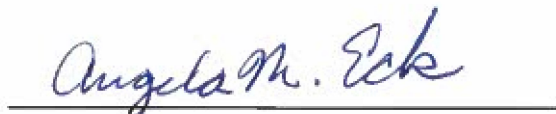
Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer