



April 1, 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
Vivian Likes, City Planner
Jeff Shultz, Assistant Fire Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Scott Lanning, Wastewater Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes from the March 18th meeting were presented. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Ryan 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 1779, Revision 2, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1779 on its third reading by title and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 1789, An Ordinance for Additional Appropriations, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member White made a motion to approve Ordinance 1789 on its second reading by title and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Shultz reported that the tornado siren behind the Police Station should be repaired soon with a new antenna. Integrity Heating will be looking at the heating system in the Training Center. The hiring process for full and part time firefighters will start soon.

City Planner Vivian Likes reported that CF-1s are starting to come in from the businesses that hold tax abatements. She also reported that she is working with the County Plan Commission on an interlocal agreement for Butler's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction. There is not one in place currently.

Mrs. Likes also reported that the Park Board met last week and decided they no longer want to do the Cakewalk at events. They want to do something different and are working on coming up with what that will be.

The Main Street Art Project is ongoing and 7 benches have been picked up so far.

Mayor Hartman asked Mrs. Likes why there aren't Public Hearings scheduled for the CF-1s. There was discussion. CF-1s are the annual reports that industries are required to do for current tax abatements. Public Hearings are only held if new tax abatements are requested.

Council Member Ryan asked what happens if industries don't comply with the terms of tax abatements. There was discussion. The Council decides if the terms have been met and can decide to look at the life of the tax abatement, not just one year. City Attorney Don Stuckey stated that the key to tax abatements is the wages paid out. This is where local governments recoup the lost revenue on property tax abatements. Taxes are paid on wages and in turn go back to the local governments.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that his department is handling Code Enforcement until someone can be hired. They did issue 9 ordinance violations for junk and trash, of which 7 complied immediately with the order.

Council Member Hawkins asked about a house on North Broadway that has a trailer sitting in the front yard with junk on it. There was discussion. Chief Traster stated that he would look into it.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline started a discussion on construction traffic related to the construction of a new building at Eastside High School. They appear to be using Liberty Street for heavy trucks and it is not designed for them. There was discussion. Mrs. Likes stated that she would send Mr. Cline the list of contractors and subcontractors so that he could reach out to them and request that they use Beech Street to US 6 instead of the side streets.

Mr. Cline also reported that he had found alcoholic beverage containers in the trash containers at Maxon Park. He reminded everyone that alcoholic beverages are not allowed in City Parks.



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Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck requested that the Park Board discuss the Emerick donation at their next meeting. She reported that the February bank activities are reconciled. She will also be closing the Utility Office for about 20 minutes during the solar eclipse on April 8th.

Mayor Mike Hartman reported that he has requested that City Attorney Don Stuckey review the Economic Development Commission minutes from the past several years. There is some confusion on appointment dates and who appoints whom. Mr. Stuckey will report back at the next meeting.

Mayor Hartman is still working on the last appointment to the Redevelopment Commission.

Mayor Hartman reported that he will be hosting the June Mayor's Roundtable. It will be on June 28th at the Monster Truck Museum.

Mayor Hartman reported that there was confusion over the past week about when large item garbage collection can be set out. Many people need to be able to do it on a weekend, even though pickup is now on a Wednesday. There was discussion

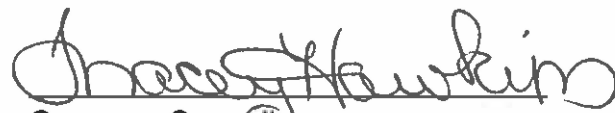
Council Member Hawkins asked if the City could host a Chemical Cleanup Day.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reminded everyone that the Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday April 9th at 6 pm. Mr. Stuckey stated that he would not be able to attend due to a conflict.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer