



June 3, 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
Scott Lanning, Wastewater Superintendent
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Matt Traster, Police Chief

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 ordinance amending the Utility Deposit Amounts. He asked for questions or comments from the audience, hearing none, the Public Hearing for closed.

Scott Franco from Surf Internet gave a brief update on their status in DeKalb County. There would be no cost to the City if the Council decides to move forward and approve Surf Internet to being installations within the City Limits. There was discussion.

Council Member Hawkins asked if Surf would ever need to upgrade the fiber in order to meet equipment needs. Mr. Franco said no, the fiber itself has no limitations. It would be the equipment at either end that may need to be updated.

Council Member White asked what residents could expect in pricing. Mr. Franco said that there are no contracts and the prices are tiered, but most residents would be under \$100 per month. There is also a price lock for life, unless you decide to upgrade your connection speed.



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Council Member Ryan asked if he moved to a different address if the price would still be locked in. Mr. Franco said yes.

There was more discussion. Mayor Hartman reminded the Council that the presentation from Lakeland Internet said that there would be a price to the City if the Council decided to go with them. Surf Internet has no cost to the City.

Mrs. Teri Fritch asked if Surf Internet would eventually move outside of the City Limits. Mr. Franco stated that they would gradually expand their service areas.

There was more discussion. The Council agreed that they were ready to move forward with Surf Internet. The next step will be to hold a Pre-Design meeting and then a Town Hall meeting.
Attachment 1

The minutes from the May 20th 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.

Proposed Ordinance 1790, An Ordinance Increasing Utility Deposits, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance 1790 on its third reading by title and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Utility Superintendent Scott Lanning reported that Gavyn Aden has been in the Wastewater Apprenticeship Program for 1 year now. He is ranked first in his class with a 99% grading average. He is now halfway through the program.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck reported that the City had received \$288,005 in Supplemental Local Income Tax Distributions.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented a Public Official Bond for Robert Beck, Redevelopment Commissioner, in the amount of \$15,000. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the Public Official Bond and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Hartman if he had filled the open City Planner position yet. Mayor Hartman stated that he is currently interviewing individuals for that position.

Council Member White asked for an update on the house trailer that burned on Willow Street. It has been sitting there for months now. There was discussion. City Attorney Stuckey stated that he would look into it.



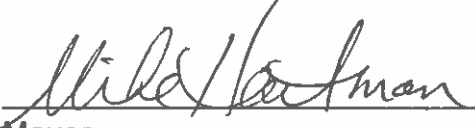
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Council Member Hawkins asked for an update concerning grass clippings on the streets and sidewalks. City Attorney Stuckey stated that the Storm Water Ordinance does cover grass clippings on the streets, but does not address them on the sidewalks. There was discussion. Council Member Hawkins would like to see a potential ordinance written that addresses those situations.

Mayor Hartman asked the audience if they had any questions or concerns that they would like addressed.

Mrs. Teri Fritch asked if the City had received the soil report for Susie Park on Federal Street. Mayor Hartman said that the Phase 1 Environmental Study has been completed. He will get it for her. A Phase 2 Study hasn't been ordered yet, which will cost approximately \$23,000 to \$32,000 to complete. He will be requesting it be done soon because there is still someone interested in purchasing the property.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer