



July 1, 2024
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Darren Alloway, Council District 3
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Scott Lanning, Utility Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1 and Council President

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes from the June 17th meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan 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 questions from the audience pertaining to the agenda items. None

City Attorney Don Stuckey reported that he is currently working on updating the Water and Wastewater Ordinances. They have not been updated recently to meet new state and federal accounting practices. He is also working on a grass clipping ordinance and the definition of the utility bill due date.

For any potential changes to truck routes around DeKalb Molded Plastics, he requested that the Council contact him individually to discuss what they would like to see changed.



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Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck reported that she is still waiting for the audits of 2022 and 2023 to begin. Baker Tilly is also working on a Comprehensive Financial Plan.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck handed out the 2025 Budget Calendar to the Council and requested that they notify her immediately if any of them are not able to attend those meeting dates. If any of those meetings don't constitute a quorum, a special Council meeting may need to be called.

Council Member Bill White asked if any progress had been made towards getting the burned trailer removed from Willow Street. Mr. Stuckey replied that he had sent a letter to the property owner, but had not heard back. If it isn't removed soon, the Unsafe Building Committee will hold a meeting on August 5th to discuss the situation.

Mayor Hartman reported that the demolition of R&R Fitness would begin July 8th and that Engineered Materials would follow that.

Mayor Hartman also reported that the Northeast Indiana Mayor's Roundtable event was held at the Monster Truck Museum last Friday and was a very successful event.

Mayor Hartman turned the meeting over to Steve Carender and Jim Morris of Surf Internet for the first Pre-Design Meeting for the installation of a fiber network in Butler. See Attachment 1. The following items were discussed:

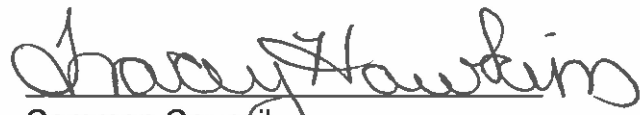
- leveraging Surf's existing infrastructure
- service areas within the city limits
- potential start date
- how underground direction boring works
- current utility locates, Mr. Lanning will create a specialized permit for this project
- pre-construction meeting
- Marketing to the residents. Clerk-Treasurer Eck will waive the solicitor's permit fee
- groundbreaking ceremony
- locating private water and sewer lines, private easements
- possible reimbursement for residential outages, none
- discounts for schools and governments
- Surf will connect all city locations including lift stations, cameras and monitoring as part of the project
- equipment inside the home



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Council Member Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 8:19 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.


Mike Hartman
Mayor


Tracy Hawkins
Common Council


Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer