



August 19, 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
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Scott Lanning, Utility Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:20 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck swore in Joseph Georgi and Hunter Tinker as the first full-time firefighters for the City of Butler and Wilmington Township.

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

The minutes from the August 5th meeting were presented. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Sarah Dempsey, Director of the Butler Public Library, presented an **additional appropriation request from the Library**. She reported that the Library Board had already held the necessary Public Hearing. She stated that these funds will be used to repair the cedar siding on the building and to the paint the exterior. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for Butler Public Library and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Proposed **Ordinance 1794, Additional Appropriations**, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1794 on its second reading by title and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that old engine 33 is now at its new home in Missouri.

Police Chief Matt Traster reported that Martin Wood graduated from the Indiana Police Academy on August 16th. He will start working in town again on Wednesday.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that the curbing replacement on Walnut Street is complete. Brooks will start milling the rest of the streets tomorrow and then pave them.

Utility Superintendent Scott Lanning reported that a manhole cover came up missing in the 100 block of South Broadway. The casting will also need to be replaced before a new cover can be installed. He expects that work to take place in a couple of weeks when he has other manholes scheduled for rehabilitated.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he had 14 hours of training when he started last week. He is currently working on creating a form for his reporting and wants to make Code Enforcement more about encouragement and not a penalty.

Council Member Hawkins asked questions about motorhomes on Meadowmere that are hooked up to utilities and appear to have people living in them. Mayor Hartman assured her that no one was living in any of them.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the State Board of Accounts Audit should be completed in the next three to four weeks.

Council Member Laub requested that the Clerk-Treasurer include copies of last year's budget when she hands out the proposed 2025 budget paperwork. There was then discussion as to whether the Council would like paper copies or electronic. They would prefer paper.

There was discussion about the Historic Society Building on East Main. The City does not own the property, but Mayor Hartman is now in possession of the keys and he quickly set up a board. Sherry Hartman is the secretary of the board and Scott Lanning is a member.

Mayor Hartman reported that the Butler Days Festival was successful.

Mayor Hartman reported that he, along with Council Member White and several employees went with Eric Doden to Van Wert last Friday to look at the program that is being used there.

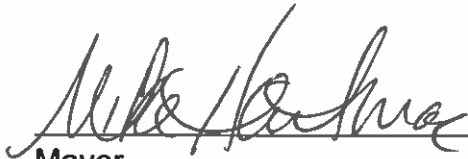


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Mayor Hartman reported that he has hired Andrew Provines to be the part-time City Planner. He will be working three days a week, 8 hours each of those days. His start date is September 3rd.

Mayor Hartman reported that he has put together a packet of information, Attachment 1, for the Council with information about making the Mayor a full-time position. He asked that they call him with any questions. He then went through each page of the packet.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer