



October 7, 2024
Common Council

Present:

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
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Mike Hartman, Mayor

Council President Hawkins opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:15 pm at 215 South Broadway.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Hawkins opened the **Public Hearing** for the Proposed 2025 Budget. She then asked for questions or comments from the audience. Hearing none, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 pm.

President Hawkins asked for comments or questions from the audience pertaining to the agenda items. None

The minutes from the September 16th 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.

Proposed **Ordinance 1797, 2025 Employee Salary Ordinance, Amended**, was presented for its second reading by title. Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the Fire Chief had decided to continue



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to pay the volunteers with the point system for one more year. That section in the proposed ordinance was amended to reflect the change. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1797 as amended on its second reading by title and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 1798, 2025 Elected and Appointed Pay, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Laub made a motion to remove all of the certification pay levels from the clerk-treasurer section. There was discussion. Council Member Ryan stated that now is not the time to make the mayor position full-time. The motion died by lack of a second. Council Member Alloway made a motion to table proposed Ordinance 1798 and Council Member White seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Chief Ron Mausteller reported that Jessie Hernandez donated a riding lawn mower to the fire department, which will be kept at the training center.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he will be working with the Plan Commission on multiple changes.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that most everyone is cooperating with him when he visits them for possible violations. Mr. Mutzfeld requested that the Council define when garbage cans and large items can be put out. He also requested that park strips be more clearly defined as to who is responsible for maintaining them. There was discussion. Mr. Stuckey stated that he can draft an ordinance(s) to reflect those requests. Council Member Alloway made a motion requesting that Mr. Stuckey do so and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that the grass along newly rebuilt Walnut Street is looking really good. He is still waiting for a riser ring to be installed before the final walk through can occur and the project be closed out. He has completed painting curbs and lines. His next project will be to install new playground equipment at Mason Park.

Mr. Cline reported that a resident on Walnut Street came to him to ask the Council to consider prohibiting street parking on Walnut Street. Every address does have a driveway. There was discussion.

Mr. Cline reported that if he is on vacation Kris Tadsen is in charge.

City Attorney Don Stuckey reported that a Public Hearing will be held at the next meeting concerning the sale of property to Eli Fuentes.

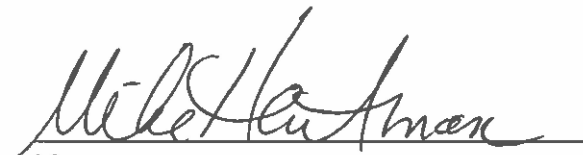
There was discussion on how slowly the sale process was proceeding on all of the City lots that were sold was going.



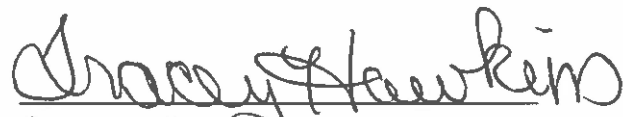
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President Hawkins reported that Butler Main Street's Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 on South Broadway. There was discussion on when to permit door to door trick or treating. The Council decided on 5 to 7 pm on the 31st.

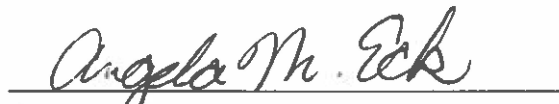
Council Member Alloway made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer