



October 21, 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
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

The minutes from the October 7th meeting were presented. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck swore in two new police officers: Emily McKinley and Jason Creech.

Proposed Ordinance 1797, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Employees of the City of Butler, Indiana, for the Year 2025, was presented for its third and final reading by title. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1797 on its third and final reading and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed Ordinance 1798, An Ordinance Fixing Salaries for Elected and Appointed Officials for the Year 2025, was presented for its second reading by title. Council Member Laub made a motion to remove all of the certification pay for the position of Clerk-Treasurer and to instead



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increase the total salary by 3 or 4%. There was discussion. City Attorney Don Stuckey stated that the motion would need to state a specific number to increase the salary to. Council Member Laub then made another motion to remove all of the certification pay for the position of Clerk-Treasurer and to increase the salary by 4% above what the Clerk-Treasurer will make in 2024. Council Member Hawkins stated that she still wants to hold a standard to the certifications. Council Member White seconded Council Member Laub's motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman opened the **Public Hearing** for the sale of land to Eli Fuentes. This is the sale of a very small portion of land that is contiguous to his existing property on Depot Street.

City Attorney Don Stuckey stated that the Council now needs to make a motion to recommend the sale of the land to Eli Fuentes in the amount of \$2800. Council Member Alloway made the motion and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Stuckey stated that he will record the sale once the Clerk-Treasurer receives payment.

Proposed Ordinance 1798 was presented for its full second reading as previously amended. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve Ordinance 1798 on its second reading as amended and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with three in favor and two against.

Hawkins	Nay
Laub	Aye
Alloway	Aye
Ryan	Nay
White	Aye

Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1798 as amended on its third and final reading with Council Member Laub seconding. The motion passed with three in favor and two against.

Hawkins	Nay
Laub	Aye
Alloway	Aye
Ryan	Nay
White	Aye

Police Chief Matt Traster thanked his two newest officers for their commitment to being police officers.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that things are going well

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that the wheelchair ramps have been installed at South Side Park and that he will be installing new equipment at Mason Park this week.



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City Attorney Don Stuckey reminded Mayor Hartman that he only has two months remaining to obligate the remaining ARPA Funds. Any funds remaining at the end of this year that are not obligated will need to be returned to the federal government.

Council Member White asked if Mr. Stuckey had prepared an ordinance about moving trash cans back off the street. Mr. Stuckey is still working on it.

Council Member Alloway reported that Gavyn Aden passed his Wastewater III licensing test.

Mayor Mike Hartman read aloud a resignation letter from Scott Lanning.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



Mayor



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Clerk-Treasurer