



November 18, 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 7:08 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 November 4th meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

City Attorney Don Stuckey presented a draft amendment to the Collection of Garbage. He replied that he just received Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld's updates for it and that he would incorporate them into the ordinance and put it up for review at the December 2nd meeting.

There was discussion on fining residents for not moving their garbage cans back out of the street when they are unable to do so, either due to physical infirmities or vacations. There was also discussion of the Handicapped List that is provided to the garbage company.



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City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he had received an email with questions about addresses being put on the Unsafe Building List. There was then discussion on who would be responsible for the Unsafe Building List, should it be the City Planner or the Code Enforcement Officer? The consensus was that the Code Enforcement Office should be in charge of Unsafe Building and then refer any unresolved problems to the Unsafe Building Committee.

Mr. Provines then stated that he designates Stuart Mutzfeld to be the Unsafe Building Officer.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he met with Mayor Hartman last week and they determined that the Code Enforcement Officer would work reduced hours during the winter months. Those hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 am until noon.

Mr. Mutzfeld stated that there is an issue with tires piling up around town. He is working on getting a Tire Day scheduled. He is also working on a possible Feral Cat Program.

Mayor Mike Hartman reported that the water tower will be down this week for scheduled warranty work. There are 8 release valves that are open throughout town to help maintain water pressure.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck asked the Mayor and Council what concerns they had with the Request for Public Records Form. Mayor Hartman stated the he would like to be notified of all requests and what information was provided. He would also like the Council and Department Heads to be notified as well. Clerk-Treasurer Eck stated that was something she could easily do. Mr. Provines then stated that he would set up an email group in the City's email system.

Mayor Hartman reported that he is working with Indiana Brownfield on getting the Engineered Materials property added to the Petroleum Orphan Site Initiative. He has completed the application and sent it to Indiana Brownfield.

Mayor Hartman also reported that Indiana Brownfield has added Susie Park to their program for "Former City Dumps".

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Hartman if he was looking for any grants to help seal up the Engineered Materials building. Mayor Hartman stated that he is trying to get siding from New Millennium.

Council Member Ryan asked Mayor Hartman if the Engineered Materials building needed to be fenced off. Mayor Hartman stated the he didn't think so.

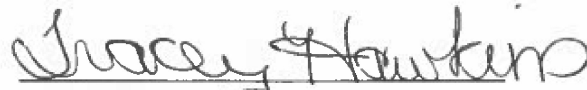
Lance Mayer from the audience stated that people who make Public Records Requests shouldn't be required to give their name. There was discussion. The only reason names are requested is so that the Clerk-Treasurer can let the requestor know when the items are ready.



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Council Member Alloway made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 pm and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.


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