



December 2, 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
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Stuart Mutfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent

Gale Ryan, Council District 4

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:20 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 18th meeting were presented. Council Member Hawkins 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 reported that he is still working on revisions to the draft amendment to "Collection of Garbage".

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he is looking for permitting software and tracking from three different vendors: IWorq, CloudPermit and SmartGov. SmartGov is the most expensive, but is also the most flexible. SmartGov is also what DeKalb County uses and would allow us to integrate the permitting software with the County. SmartGov is also the only one with a mobile



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app. They also already work with InvoiceCloud, which is what the Utility Office uses for credit cards and automatic utility payments.

He is would like to see the City choose SmartGov because they have unlimited reports available, they have a mobile app and are also being used by DeKalb County and can integrate with ArcGIS.

Council Member Alloway asked if there was money in the budget for SmartGov. Clerk-Treasurer Eck stated that there is money in the 2024 budget, but items may need to moved around if a decision isn't made until 2025. Council Member Hawkins stated that she thinks SmartGov would provide a more robust package than any of the others. There was more discussion. The three-year cost would be over \$40,000.

Mr. Provines also asked that the Council look at the information he provided about Town Web. If the City switches to this website provider, they have tools that would integrate live-streaming of meetings, creation of minutes and sending text message alerts.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he has been looking through the various City Codes and discovered that many of them are outdated and/or not being enforced. He asked that each Council Member consider this and let him know what he needs to focus on. It is difficult to discuss issues with residents if the code doesn't match what he is requesting that they do.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that brush and leaf pickup was done today. Monday, December 9th will be the last day for leaf collection. He is also working on getting the Christmas lights installed downtown.

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck provided the Council and Mayor with paperwork for the Annual Certification of Elected Officials Compliance with the Nepotism Policy. All Elected Officials are required to annually certify that they have complied with this policy.

Council Member Hawkins reported that she had received paperwork from the Butler Public Library for a re-appointment to their board of Sandi Eash. This re-appointment would be for another 4-year term.

Council Member Hawkins made a motion to re-appoint Sandi Eash to the Butler Public Library Board of Directors and Council Member Alloway seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council Member Laub asked questions about the low-hanging wires in front of Multi-Matic on South Broadway. There was discussion.

Mayor Mike Hartman reported that there will be a Historical Marker Ceremony this Saturday at 11 am to dedicate the marker for the Marshall Building. He also reported that the Christmas Festival will also be from 3 pm to 6 pm on Saturday with a parade at 6:10 pm. The Butler Community Church will also be hosing a free meal from 4 to 7 on Saturday.



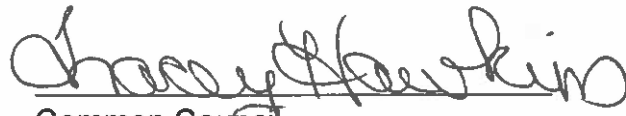
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Mayor Hartman reported that he is re-appointing Trent Groves and Shanna Prough to the Butler Public Library Board of Trustees for another 4-year term.

Mayor Hartman reported that a full-time IT person would be starting Monday, December 9th. He graduated several years ago with a degree in IT and his starting salary will be \$40,000 per year.

Council Member Alloway made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 pm and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.


Mike Hartman
Mayor


Tracy Hawkins
Common Council


Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer