April 21, 2025
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Kristie Laub, Council District 2
Darren Alloway, Council District 3, Council President
Gale Ryan, Council District 4
Bill White, Council at Large
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Matt Traster, Police 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 April 7th meeting were presented. Council Member Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Council Member Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman asked for any comments from the audience. None

Anton King from DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership presented their first quarter report to the Council. (Attachment 1) There was discussion.

Proposed **Ordinance 1803, 42nd Update to the Code of Ordinances** was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1803 and Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Ordinance 1804, Rezoning at 521 West Liberty** was presented for its second and final reading by title. Mr. Provines explained the difference between the two maps that are on the second page. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to approve Ordinance 1804 on its final reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Assistant Police Chief Cory Rowe reported that Officer Emily McKinley would graduate from the Police Academy this Friday and be on duty Monday morning.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline reported that the Park Department has started mowing at the parks.

IT Specialist Braxton Minkey reported that Mr. Provines would be assisting him with IT work at the water tower on Wednesday, weather permitting.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that she would put together the proposed 2026 Proposed Budget Calendar as soon as more information on the upcoming property tax changes were available.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck also handed out a Fund Report that has color coding so that the Council and Department Heads know what funds can be used for different purposes.

Council Member Alloway reported that the employees of The Laurels of DeKalb are challenging the City Employees to a Water Ball Match on May 9th. He needs to know who is interested in participating.

Mayor Hartman reported that Chris Clevenger has shown interest in sitting on both the Economic Development Commission and Redevelopment Commission. The open seats on both are Council appointees. There was discussion. Council Member Hawkins made a motion to appoint Mr. Clevenger to the EDC and the RDC. Council Member Laub seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman stated that he has been in contact with AIM and they would like to come to Butler and present a budget class for elected officials. There was discussion. Mayor Hartman will proceed and come up with a couple of dates for that class.

Mayor Hartman requested that in Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld's absence, Mr. Provines start reading the information that he provided to be discussed at the meeting. Attachment 2.

There was discussion on each individual item. The Council agreed to move forward with discussion on each item.

Mayor Hartman then opened up the discussion for the audience to participate.

Mr. Davis from Western Avenue stated that he was here to discuss the parking problems in his neighborhood. This has been going on for multiple years now. Mr. Davis stated that last year, no parking signs were installed in very strange places and he feels that he is being singled out. There was discussion.

Mayor Hartman stated that Code Enforcement is only focusing on parking in yards. Parking in yards is not permitted anywhere.

Mr. Cline stated that he would look at the signs and the sign map that he has to see what can be done.

Council Member Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mike Hartman
Mayor

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Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer