



January 20, 2025
Common Council

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
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
Stuart Mutzfeld, Code Enforcement
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent

Tracey Hawkins, Council District 1
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Common Council at 7:10 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 January 6th 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.

Proposed **Ordinance 1800, Water Utility Fund Cleanup**, was presented for its third reading by title. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Ordinance 1800 on its third reading and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed changes to the Garbage Collection Ordinance were introduced again. Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld requested that this item be removed from the agenda. He is not ready to propose any changes yet. Council Member Ryan made a motion to remove proposed



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changes to Garbage Collection from the agendas with Council Member White seconding the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Proposed **Resolution 25-665, Adding the Mayor to the Public Employees Retirement Fund**, was introduced by title. Council Member Alloway made a motion to approve Resolution 25-665 and Council Member Ryan seconded that motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

City Planner Andrew Provines reported that he has been asked why comments are not available on the City's Facebook Page. He needs to know if the Council would like to keep it that way or change it. There was discussion. City Attorney Don Stuckey needs to research the laws for governmental entities about Facebook Comments. Clerk-Treasurer Eck will pull the original paperwork on Facebook as well.

Council Member Alloway stated that he is in no way in favor of allowing comments to be visible to the public.

Mr. Provines also stated that when the City's website switches to Townweb, they have more options for filtering comments on Facebook. There was discussion about emailing the posted comments to all of the elected officials weekly.

Code Enforcement Officer Stuart Mutzfeld reported that he is still investigating how address dumpsters that are at multi-family housing units. Auburn and Garrett do not have ordinances that require them to be enclosed. Mr. Mutzfeld will also be meeting with GFL to discuss a building material amnesty day.

Street Superintendent Mark Cline stated that he looked at the situation at Commerce and Oak again. He is unable to move the stop sign and a hydrant may need to be relocated if significant changes are made.

Mayor Hartman reported that he spoke with Rick Walters about the trucks parking on Oak Street again. Mr. Walters would like the names on the trucks that are found parking on Oak and will also discuss the situation with his team to see if they can find a solution.

Wastewater Superintendent Gavyn Aden reported that his team repaired a water main break on Maple Street today. There is a boil water advisory for a small portion of homes near the break, but it should be lifted on Wednesday.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented Public Official Bonds for the following individuals: Samantha Baker, Connie Bungard, Angela Eck, Colleen Hennessey, Lisa LaLonde, Diana Mutzfeld, Richard Obendorf, Jessica Roby, Robert Beck and Justin Smith. Council Member Laub made a motion to approve the bonds and Council Member Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented two checks that are more than two years old that have been voided.

Mayor Hartman announced that he is appointing Dwight Myers to the Redevelopment Commission.

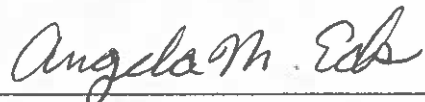
Council Member Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm and Council Member White seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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